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## Hurd signals change in law on anonymity

# Police record 29% increase in rapes

● A 29 per cent rise in reported rapes last year, much of it due to new police procedures, has renewed calls for changes to the law on anonymity for rape victims.  
 ● As the incidence of crime generally continued to rise, drug offences went up by 22 per cent, robberies by 10 per cent and fraud and forgery by 7 per cent.

● Physical assaults also increased by 7 per cent, with an 8 per cent rise in criminal damage, but the number of home burglaries fell by an encouraging 4 per cent.  
 ● A doctor and a vicar facing separate charges involving sexual assault on children will not face prosecution because of lack of evidence. Page 2

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

An alarming 29 per cent increase last year in reported rape offences was disclosed yesterday in the annual crime figures for England and Wales.

In London, Metropolitan Police figures showed a rise of about half in the number of rapes or attempted rapes, up from 365 in 1984 to 570 last year.

However, the Home Office described the "apparent increase" as largely due to changes in police recording procedures.

The recorded number of drug trafficking offences also went up by 22 per cent last year, as crime generally continued to rise.

A 7 per cent rise in offences of violence against the person took the total to 122,000.

Robbery went up by 10 per cent over the 1984 figure, which in turn was 13 per cent higher than the previous year. Offences of fraud and forgery were up 7 per cent.

There was an 8 per cent rise in the recorded offences of criminal damage, continuing the steady increase over many years. Overall there was a 3 per cent increase in recorded crime.

The most encouraging statistic for Government and police crime prevention was a fall of 4 per cent in house burglaries, compared with a rise of 10 per cent in 1984.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the

Home Secretary, said in a statement that new procedures by the Metropolitan Police had increased the proportion of rape allegations which appeared in the figures. Allegations now featured which previously would not have been counted.

But the Metropolitan Police in its statement yesterday said: "In fact, the total number of allegations of rape reported to the Metropolitan police during 1985 was about the same as in 1984."

Hence "the rise in recorded offences appears due largely to the effect of the new force initiatives rather than a rise in the actual number of offences reported to the police."

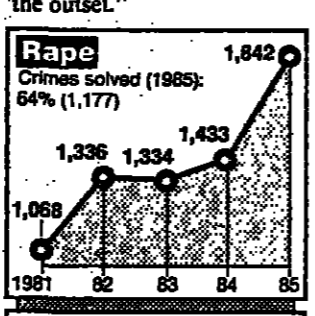
The figures were not directly comparable with previous years. The new initiatives were to obtain greater intelligence even in cases where rape victims were unwilling to proceed further with their allegations.

Victims had been encouraged fully to substantiate their allegations. That had inflated the recorded figures for those offences.

Changes in the law on anonymity in rape case were foreshadowed by Mr Hurd who, describing rape as "a uniquely despicable offence", said the law made it an offence to identify publicly either the victim of a rape or the

defendant once a charge had been brought.

"I strongly support the anonymity rule for rape victims but I am concerned that this protection only arises once a charge has been made. Can it be right that a victim can be exposed to the full glare of publicity before a charge has been brought? I am therefore considering whether without harming the public interest it would be possible to provide for anonymity from the outset."



He was not convinced that the anonymity which the present law gave to defendants was justifiable. "We are urgently considering whether to propose its abolition," he said.

The proportion of rape cases cleared up by the police was 64 per cent in 1985 compared with 55 per cent for notifiable offences as a whole. The crime statistics show that neighbourhood watch schemes as part of a nationwide bid to beat the burglar are paying off.

In London, which has suffered a plague of burglaries, the recorded figures for those in dwellings dropped by 11 per cent in the Metropolitan Police district from 109,672 in 1984 to 97,242 last year.

In England and Wales there was a 4 per cent decrease in burglaries from homes. Describing the spread of neighbourhood watch schemes as "remarkable", Mr Hurd said it highlighted their value as a means of reducing domestic burglaries and bringing police and community together. There are now 9,200 schemes.

The statistics in total show that in 1985 the police recorded about 3.6 million notifiable offences, 3 per cent more than in 1984 compared with an 8 per cent increase over the previous year.

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# Profits soar at BT and Jaguar

By Our City Staff

Investors in two of Britain's leading privatized companies had cause for celebration yesterday as British Telecommunications and Jaguar unveiled their latest trading results.

British Telecom — whose 1.6 million shareholders must soon pay their final 40p instalment — announced record nine-month profits of £1,333 million, an increase of 25 per cent. But the stock market had been expecting an even better performance and the shares fell 14p to 218p.

The Coventry-based Jaguar group, whose car sales are booming in the all-important American market, saw its profits for last year rise by 33 per cent to £121 million, lifting the shares 15p to 470p.

The results from British Telecom prompted renewed demands from the Telecom Users' Association, the private lobby group, for a cut in telephone call charges as soon as possible.

British Telecom said that the increase in the growth of telephone calls had been lower than expected, with a rise of only 6 per cent in inland calls for the three months to December. The year before it had benefited from a surge in demand caused by public interest surrounding the flotation.

British Telecom's workforce fell by 2,000 in the third quarter, making a loss of 3,000 in total for the nine-months. Details, page 17



Racing's first lady: Dawn Run, ridden by John O'Neill, is led into the winner's enclosure by her owner, Mrs Churman Hill, after becoming the first horse to complete the Champion Hurdle-Cheltenham Gold Cup double. Report, page 28. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

# Bombing suspect fights detention

By Richard Ford

A woman terrorist suspect wanted by police in Britain in connection with a Provisional IRA winter bombing campaign will appear in the Dublin High Court this morning after allegations that she has been illegally detained.

Lawyers for Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, aged 29, returned to the High Court yesterday only hours after she had been remanded in custody by a Dublin district court at the start of what promises to be lengthy extradition proceedings.

Mr Justice John Blayney granted in the High Court a conditional order of habeas corpus and directed that the woman appear before the court today when her lawyer's claim that she is being illegally detained will be examined.

Mr Patrick McEente, senior counsel, argued that the woman was in illegal custody because the district judge had refused to hear evidence on whether she should be given bail.

The woman was detained by police in Tallaght, South Dublin, on Wednesday night.



Miss Glenholmes, who faces terror charges

She appeared at the court on nine warrants issued by Scotland Yard seeking her extradition for alleged terrorist offences and if sent to prison will be the first person extradited from the republic to the mainland to face trial on such charges.

An application for bail was rejected and she was remanded in custody until March 19.

Miss Glenholmes is wanted in connection with bomb attacks outside Chelsea barracks, the car bomb attack which injured Stuart Pringle, formerly Royal Marines Commandant General, an attack on the Wimbledon home of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, and an attack at an Oxford Street Wimpey Bar in which a bomb disposal expert was killed.

Scotland Yard sought her extradition on a warrant issued at Lambeth Magistrates' Court on November 6 1984 alleging that on October 13 1981 she murdered Patrick Breslin at Ebony Bridge Road, south-west London.

A further eight warrants were handed in to the court alleging she murdered Nora Field in the same incident in which a nail bomb explosion outside the barracks killed 27 people, including 27 soldiers.

She is also accused of possessing a sub machine gun with ammunition, an ArmaLite rifle, a Luger pistol, a Colt pistol and three other revolvers as well as explosives at the farm.

An extra battalion of soldiers began arriving in Northern Ireland yesterday. Continued on page 2, col 5

# Rank loses court battle over bid

By Our City Staff

The Rank Organisation's £740 million takeover bid for the Granada leisure group hung in the balance yesterday after it lost a crucial High Court legal battle.

Rank had challenged the right of the Independent Broadcasting Authority to block the bid, but the authority's action was upheld by Mr Justice Mann. The result was welcomed by Granada's chairman, Mr Alex Bernstein, whose board had bitterly opposed the bid.

Rank's lawyers said they would appeal and the company said it had no plans to abandon the bid. In the stock market Granada's share price fell 8p to 272p, indicating dealers' feelings that the bid must now be in serious doubt.

Rank had accused the IBA of acting unlawfully by imposing the veto and of refusing to give it a hearing before blocking its bid for Granada, whose subsidiary owns the ITV franchise in the North-West.

Mr Justice Mann ruled that he had no power to quash the

veto because, he said, the IBA had not been exercising its public law functions when it made the decision.

Rank had sought a judicial review of the IBA action but the judge said that such procedure could only be used to challenge "public law" decisions and this had not been such a decision.

Mr Justice Mann said that the IBA was entitled to stick to its policy of preventing changes in the "character and control" of independent television companies during the period of their franchises.

Rank's bid for Granada was announced on February 13. Two days later the Rank chairman, Sir Patrick Meany, had a telephone conversation with the IBA chairman, Lord Thomson, in which, it was alleged, Lord Thomson indicated that Rank would be given a chance to put its case.

But on February 25, without further consultation with Rank, the veto was announced.

# Thatcher concern over rise in 'barbaric' rape offences

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Prime Minister spoke yesterday of the "uniquely barbaric" offence of rape after the publication of the latest crime figures which show a 29 per cent increase.

News of the crime figures led to a furious clash with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, in the Commons.

Mrs Thatcher was said yesterday to be deeply concerned about the rise in crime. The latest figures were reported to the Cabinet and later the Prime Minister criticized the naming of rape victims.

She told MPs that the whole of the media bore a heavy responsibility for the way they reported crimes of violence. Although the names of victims could not be given after charges had been made, the Prime Minister called on the press to observe the "customs and conventions" against reporting victims' names between the commission of an offence and the charge.

Meanwhile, Conservative

## Two charged

Two men, both aged 21, were last night charged with the rape of a vicar's daughter at a west London vicarage a week ago. A housewife and an unemployed man were also charged with aggravated burglary of the vicarage.

The men charged with rape have not been named in accordance with the law on reporting rape cases. They have also been charged with aggravated burglary at the vicarage.

The other two accused were named as Andrew Stuart Byrne, aged 24, of Canada Crescent, Acton, and Jacqueline Mary Defelice, aged 36, of Limes Walk, Ealing. All four will appear at Ealing magistrates court this morning.

MPs welcomed Mr Douglas Hurd's announcement that he was considering a change in the law to extend the anonymity of victims from the commission of the offence.

Mr Kinnock, referring to the alarming increase in crime

of 41 per cent since 1978, called on the Government to provide more money to local authorities to help them make streets and homes safer.

There were loud Labour protests when Mrs Thatcher said that most people would and should be in a position to provide for crime prevention on their own.

Mr Kinnock said that what Mrs Thatcher had said might be true in Dulwich, but not on housing estates throughout the country.

Last night Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that under Mrs Thatcher, Britain had become a more dangerous and violent country.

He said the police could not cope with the crime wave over which Mrs Thatcher presided. "Every minute of Thatcher government has brought an extra burden for the police. Every minute of Thatcher government has brought new conflict, stress and anxiety for all the British people."

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# Gorbachov extends nuclear test halt

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin leader, yesterday announced a second extension to the Soviet Union's unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests which had been due to expire at the end of the month.

In response to an appeal from the leaders of six non-aligned nations for a halt to US and Soviet testing in the run-up to this year's summit, Mr Gorbachov pledged that Moscow would not resume testing after the March 31 deadline until the US carried out its next explosion.

The Soviet leader also called for an immediate start

to negotiations for a test ban treaty and offered the US guarantees on the key issue of verification, including on-site inspection.

"We offer to reach agreement with the American side on the possibility for observers from both sides to visit sites where nuclear phenomena occur on request and on a reciprocal basis to remove possible doubts as to whether such phenomena are related to nuclear explosions," he said.

The new Soviet offer was described by European diplomats as a shrewd public relations move by the Kremlin.

# Swedes make arrest in Palme case

Stockholm — Police last night confirmed they had arrested a man on suspicion of involvement in the assassination of the Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme (Christopher Mosey writes).

The man, a Swedish citizen aged 35, was arrested at 7.25 pm on Wednesday, the Stockholm press spokesman, Mr Leif Hansberg, said. He refused to give any further information. However, Mr Henning Sjostrom, a lawyer who visited the man, said he expected him to be released in the next few days.

Police have interrogated 150 people. Cabinet, page 7

# More money and time for new exam

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, yesterday announced measures to ensure that schools are prepared for the new GCSE examination (Lucy Hodges writes).

An extra £20m will be spent on books and equipment, and £200,000 on more teacher training, including allowing schools to close for two days next term.

Courses start this autumn for the examination, which replaces O levels and CSE. Teachers and local authorities complained that more preparation was needed.

# UK push for home holidays

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

To meet increasingly fierce competition from foreign holidays, the British home holidays industry is spending around £1 billion on big projects, up by at least a tenth compared with 12 months ago.

The tourist boards of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales yesterday made their first joint appraisal of the new drive to improve resort and other tourism facilities and attractions. They also launched the United Kingdom Holiday Bureau, which will mount a campaign to increase the popularity of UK holidays.

Last year is being claimed as a record for domestic holidays, with seven out of ten

# Postage price freeze stays until July

By Our City Staff

The Post Office has extended its price freeze on first and second class postage by three months until July in an attempt to attract more customers (Our Technology Correspondent writes).

According to Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the Post Office: "We decided in the interests of our customers, and in the hope of encouraging greater usage of the post, that the extension of the price reduction would be justified. "The extension until July does not mean the Post Office has decided that prices will be increased at that time."

# Nato vote welcomed

By Our City Staff

Madrid — The triumph of "yes" votes in the Nato referendum brought near-euphoria on Spain's four stock exchanges yesterday as well as congratulations from other Nato countries (Richard Wigg writes).

In Bilbao the rise of 12.7 points was said to be a one-day record. The referendum result allows the stock exchanges to continue on the upward trend.

**THE TIMES**

Tomorrow *The Times* will be 48 pages — the largest issue produced from the new plant at Wapping and the biggest paper since the autumn. On Monday there will be a significant improvement in the presentation of the paper, making it easier and more convenient to read. Details will appear tomorrow

**SATURDAY**

**A festive season**  
 Throughout the concert halls of Europe a huge variety of artistic talent is tuning up for spring and summer festivals. Bernard Levin introduces a two-page guide to the best of them

**A drop of the Irish**  
 William Trevor on the pangs of memory and desire

**Portfolio**  
 The daily prize in *The Times* Portfolio competition, doubled to £4,000 because there was no winner the previous day, was shared yesterday by Mr Andrew Prince, of Wea, Shropshire, and Miss P. Steel, of Chelmsford, Essex. Portfolio list page 23; how to play, information service, page 32.

**Schools close**  
 Schools closed across England and Wales for the hunch break as head teachers took their first national industrial action over meal supervision Page 2

**Royal farewell**  
 The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh said farewell to Australia after a gruelling but happy 36-day tour which also took them to Nepal and New Zealand Page 5

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**THE FAMOUS GROUSE**  
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Quality in an age of change.

# Tories accused of purging chairmen who criticize NHS

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Health authority chairmen who have criticized government or regional policy towards the National Health Service are finding themselves replaced in the present round of appointments and reappointments to the 190 health districts.

Mr Robin Wood, chairman of Leeds Western Health Authority, who has been replaced by Mr Don Cruickshank, managing director of the Virgin records and airline group, in an appointment expected to be one of the more controversial of the "new blood" appointments.

Mr Wood, of Leeds Western Health Authority, a Conservative voter, described the way in which chairmen who had spoken up for their districts were being removed as inept.

Mr Wood said he had not criticized government policy, "I have always taken the view that we have an obligation to carry out the policies of the government in power."

But Mr Wood said he had described the Yorkshire region's 10-year strategy as "utterly abysmal" and had fiercely criticized the region's mechanistic approach to financial policy. He said that had also been heavily criticized by the independent inquiry into the food poisoning outbreak at the Stanley Royd psychiatric hospital in Wakefield.

The region had had to withdraw its strategy document, he said, and his criticisms of financial policy had been shown to be "entirely justified" by the Stanley Royd inquiry.

Mr Cowan, a Conservative voter, resigned earlier this week over his authority's refusal to turn over a ward to private patients to help increase the authority's income.

But rumours that he was not to be reappointed had led to protests to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, by health authority members, consultants and MPs.

Mr Sam Dougherty, chairman of Wandsworth Health Authority, is expected to be replaced by Mr Don Cruickshank, managing director of the Virgin records and airline group, in an appointment expected to be one of the more controversial of the "new blood" appointments.

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# No action against sex-case doctor

By Michael Horsnell

Police have been told by the Director of Public Prosecutions not to prosecute a doctor for the rape of a girl aged eight, it was disclosed yesterday.

In another case, police are to take no action against a vicar for an alleged catalogue of sexual assaults against a boy because there is no independent evidence against the man.

A medical examination of the girl confirmed that she was raped last year and police interviewed her assailant for more than 12 hours.

But after the case papers were sent to the DPP, it was decided the case against the doctor should be dropped for lack of corroboration.

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Mr Richard Boots, an Exeter businessman, with his latest charter vessel—an Argentinean gunboat. The 90ft boat, originally named Isla Malvinas, was seized by the Navy during the Falklands conflict. Now called Tiger Bay, it was sold to Mr Boots for a five figure sum two weeks ago, and he plans to charter it to people looking for oil.

# Power and money in local government Lambeth Red Flag to go

By Colin Hughes, Local Government Correspondent

Conservative councillors in Lambeth are planning to open the books on the Town Hall's past four years and tear down political posters and publicity hoardings when they take control for five weeks next month.

Labour members are expected to decide against appealing against the recent High Court decision that they should be surcharged and

disqualified for five years for delay in setting a rate last year. But they will not announce their decision until the 28 days allowed for appeal has lapsed.

This is expected because they cannot afford further legal costs over a battle that few anticipate winning.

That will mean most of the Labour group having to move out of Lambeth Town Hall on April 3, giving the Conserva-

tives control until after the borough elections on May 9. "In that time we will be able to make only cosmetic changes, but they will be gestures of our intent," Mrs Mary Leigh, the Conservative group leader, said.

"Our first action will be to remove the Red Flag over the Town Hall, and all the placards and posters on the clock tower and around it. If we can't get council officers to do it, we will have to hire contractors."

"We will also immediately stop all the proposed name changes which the Labour group have been planning recently, such as renaming Brockwell Park after an imprisoned South African."

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# Plan to pay councillors studied by Labour

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Labour Party is studying a plan to pay local councillors rather than give them allowances.

Its cost could run into millions of pounds, but senior Labour figures believe that it would give an important boost to local government and help to attract members of groups such as women, young people, and blacks and Asians who are badly represented.

A working party under the chairmanship of Mr John Cunningham, Labour's chief environment spokesman, who favours the principle of paid councillors, is expected to report in July.

It is considering whether all councillors should be paid, or whether payment should be

restricted to those in senior posts, such as council chairmen and leaders, and committee chairmen, many of whom already have to work almost on a full-time basis.

All councillors are entitled to receive an attendance allowance of up to £16 a day or a financial loss allowance of up to £24 a day. Those in senior posts receive a special responsibility allowance of up to £4,570.

Labour MPs know of cases where councillors have been threatened with dismissal from their jobs because of the amount of time they have to devote to their council work.

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# Public fear on nuclear industry

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Further developments in the nuclear power industry in the UK are in danger of becoming inhibited by public mistrust, Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board said yesterday.

He told a House of Lords Committee investigating European Commission plans for nuclear power developments in Europe that the mistrust had been fuelled by incidents such as those at Sellafield.

He said: "The degree of concern expressed by the media in the UK has been out of proportion to the seriousness of the incident, judged against any objective assessment of danger to health or safety, or compared to the media response to comparable incidents arising in other industries."

But he said public opinion appeared to have been influenced in the same direction. Until confidence in the fuel processing end of the cycle could be restored, this would tend to inhibit new nuclear developments.

Lord Marshall contrasted the British attitude, to that of the French public where nuclear power had been widely accepted because the French saw no reasonable alternative.

But he said the nuclear industry could not escape all the blame. There had been some failure to appreciate that management and public relations policies must be shaped to respond to public perception of risk as well as to the actual level of risk.

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# NT ban on lead weights

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The National Trust, the largest private landowner in England, decided yesterday to protect swans by banning lead fishermen's weights from its hundreds of miles of river banks.

It is also to support an "amnesty" being organized by the Wildfowl Trust in the coming coarse fishing season when anglers will be asked to hand in their own lead weights and any they find.

Research by the Nature Conservancy Council has shown that lead weights every year kill hundreds of Britain's swan population of about 20,000. The birds' habit of scooping up food from riverbeds means that they swallow some of the small lead weights.

Alternatives made from metals like tungsten can cost much more than lead and cannot always be clamped so easily onto the lines that they are to weigh down.

The National Trust issues hundreds of permits each year and owns some highly-prized stretches of water including the Wey navigation in Surrey and much of the Thames at Runnymede.

The Government has threatened to ban lead weights next year if voluntary curbs do not work.

● Bryant and May, the match makers, yesterday announced a £250,000 investment in angling, including £10,000 for research at Liverpool University on weights that do not poison wildlife.

# Labour confident of Fulham victory

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

After weeks of campaigning, the Fulham by-election finally got under way officially yesterday, with the Labour camp exuding confidence and predicting a comfortable victory on April 10.

Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the marginal south-west London constituency hours before the poll writ was moved in the Commons, said: "We are going to win and I think we will win substantially. It will have a snowball effect for the party."

Mr Nick Raynsford, the Labour candidate, who is quoted as 6-4 on to win by Ladbrokes, has to overcome a Conservative majority of less than 5,000 at the last general election. If he wins it will represent Labour's first by-election victory in London for 29 years.

With unemployment in Fulham running at 12.9 per cent, compared to 4.5 per cent in 1979, and male unemployment at 17 per cent, Mr Hattersley launched Labour's campaign by unveiling a £6.8 billion jobs package.

"It is possible for us to create a million new jobs in

two years. It will not be easy. But if we make that objective a primary ambition and put all other aspirations into second place, it can be done," he said.

He said that the shadow Cabinet had decided last week that a future Labour Government would concentrate national resources on job creation.

Mr Hattersley said that the Budget should contain a job creation programme of:

- £1 billion a year on public sector capital programmes, which would reduce the jobless by almost 70,000 in two years.
- £1 billion on improved public sector services, which would cut the number of registered unemployed by about 100,000 in two years.
- Reduced employers' National Insurance contributions, and so reducing the unemployed by 200,000 in two years at a cost of £1.5 billion.
- Acceptance of the Commons Employment Select Committee recommendation to guarantee jobs for the long-term unemployed, which would reduce unemployment by 750,000 over three years.

# Thatcher sympathy for pickets

By Richard Evans and Michael Horsnell

The Prime Minister told the Commons last night that she regretted injuries to two demonstrators caused by a lorry outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, on Wednesday night.

But she called on the Labour MP who raised the issue to express similar sympathy for the 79 police officers injured on the picket line at Wapping.

Later Mr Peter Shore, shadow Leader of the House, who witnessed what he termed the "deplorable and dangerous" incident, called for an early statement from Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Mr Martin O'Neill, MP for Clackmannan, told Mrs Thatcher that a lorry had charged through a group of speakers, including Privy Councillors and members of the shadow Cabinet, outside the Wapping plant.

The Prime Minister said: "I regret this incident in which two demonstrators at Wapping suffered injuries and I am glad to say that two police officers also suffered minor injuries."

"I hope Mr O'Neill will express sympathy for the 79 police officers injured on the picket line at Wapping."

Print union leaders will continue their campaign for the reinstatement of 6,000 print workers when they held further talks next week with Mr Bruce Matthews, the company's managing director.

# Maxwell dismisses 1,000

By Richard Evans and Michael Horsnell

The management of Mr Robert Maxwell's Scottish Daily Record yesterday issued dismissal notices to the paper's 1,000 workers.

The paper has failed to appear for four days in a print union "right of reply" dispute.

In a letter to staff, Mr Vic Horwood, the chief executive, said that rival papers, with the co-operation of their own unions, had "jumped in to take advantage."

He said the letter to staff was "protective notice of dismissal."

Publication of the Record was halted on Sunday night, in a row over a leader article that was to have appeared in Monday's paper, critical both of Sogad and of a Scottish Labour Party attack on the "union busting, profit-maximising" actions of Mr Maxwell.

The publisher has said production of the paper will not resume until he has an apology from Mr Allan Watson, a Sogad Scottish official, for an "unlawful act of censorship" and a written guarantee from him of no interference in editorial freedom.

The row is the latest in a series at the paper about Mr Maxwell's plans for 300 redundancies, and economies, which he claims are essential if the paper and its sister, The Sunday Mail, are to have a viable future.

Journalists yesterday condemned the damage to the Record "by management's suicidal methods of forcing the staff to accept without negotiation draconian measures of cost cutting, including massive redundancies."

# Chandler in chess lead

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

After all second round games in the GLC London Chess Challenge. Murray Chandler, the British grandmaster, leads with two points, ahead of his fellow grandmaster Jonathan Mestel and the British international master Glen Flear.

In the second round Chandler won a long game against the British world championship candidate Nigel Short.

Round 2 Results:

Mestel	1.5	Short	1.0
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# Council to ban elderly for fighting

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Fights between pensioners at council-run day centres for the elderly in Wales have led to tough new rules in an attempt to keep the peace.

Cynon Valley council, South Wales, has threatened to ban unruly pensioners from its day centres after two men aged in their 80s swapped blows in a fight over a game of cards.

In another incident, a grandfather, aged 72, allegedly punched a woman aged in her 60s on the nose in an argument about a coat.

"Most of our pensioners are quiet and respectable, but there is a fighting tradition in the valleys and Welshmen tend to put up their fists when things are not to their liking," Mr Evan Evans, the council officer who will supervise the rules, said yesterday.

# Schools close in protest by heads

By Lucy Hodges and Craig Seton

Schools closed across England and Wales for the lunch break yesterday as head teachers took their first national industrial action over midday meal supervision.

Children were sent home or roamed the streets after heads had locked the school gates. But many schools, particularly in rural areas, stayed open because members of the National Association of Head Teachers did not follow the recommendation.

In Conservative-controlled Solihull only one head out of 100 took action in defiance of a reminder from the authority that he had a duty to keep the school open.

Mr Gordon Kirkpatrick, aged 49, head of Dorridge Junior School, left the school at lunchtime but the authority brought in three officers to supervise the pupils and meals were served normally.

A former president of the NAHT in Solihull, he faces possible disciplinary action at a governors' meeting today.

Schools in Dorset, Shropshire and the Outer London borough of Richmond were open to children at lunch as normal yesterday.

Most schools in Lincolnshire were also operating at midday. In Hampshire and Leicestershire the picture was patchy.

Only 39 of the 351 schools in Hereford and Worcester were closed for lunch. But in the metropolitan areas more schools shut down.

Mrs Jessamine Leake, president-elect of the NAHT and head of a Birmingham junior school, claimed that more than half her 370 members in the city had closed their schools.

More than half the association's members in Dudley, West Midlands, had also taken action.

"We feel very angry that we have had to take this step because we have always been loyal employees," she said.

The NAHT wants a nationally negotiated agreement on midday supervision rather than the present situation in which authorities are preparing local schemes and bidding for £40 million in government money.

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Six members of the Labour Party face expulsion if it is proved that they are members of the Militant Tendency.

The six have been summoned to appear before the executive of the Mansfield Labour Party, Nottinghamshire, to answer the charge. They admit selling copies of Militant but deny being members of Militant Tendency.

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A kidnapper who tortured his victim with a hot iron was jailed for three and a half years yesterday at York Crown Court.

Jimmy Johnson, aged 27, a self-employed motor mechanic, formerly of Broadmead Way, West Deinton, Newcastle, with an accomplice had held Mr Harban Singh Jassal, a wealthy businessman, prisoner in a hotel. The accomplice was jailed last August but Johnson was free for a year before giving himself up.

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# Ferry services halted by hospital protest

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Ferry services at most British ports were severely disrupted yesterday as members of the National Union of Seamen staged a 24-hour strike to protest at plans to close the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich, south-east London.

Both Sealink and Townsend Thoresen reported no sailings from Dover and Folkestone, except for a Belgian-crewed vessel to and from Ostend.

Sealink services linking Fishguard and Holyhead with the Irish Republic were at a standstill but B and I, the Irish line, was according Sealink bookings. There were no Sealink services between Stranraer, south-west Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

The Dutch were providing all services to and from Harwich, while Sealink's Newhaven-Dieppe service, which is French manned, was not affected.

Townsend Thoresen reported no sailings from Felixstowe and only one from Portsmouth. The NUS said that 85 ferries, freight cargo and North Sea supply boats were at a standstill.

The 113-year-old Greenwich hospital is due to close on April 1 with the transfer of seafarers to a 60-bed unit at St Thomas' Hospital, London.

Mr Jim Slater, NUS general secretary, said: "The overwhelming support for the stoppage is proof of the anger felt by seamen."

# Terror bombing suspect fights detention

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increasing troop levels in the province to their highest level in three years.

The complete battalion of 550 men from the 1st Battalion Royal Greenjackets will be in the north within the next 48 hours to assist in border security duties and help protect isolated RUC stations.

Since the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed last November an extra two battalions have now been flown to the north bringing troop levels to 10,200.

The soldiers will be based in largely Protestant areas east of the River Bann in the counties of Antrim, Down and Armagh but a small number will be drafted into Londonderry and the north-west.

The Army last night played down the significance of the troop arrivals, particularly as it was known at the end of last month that another battalion was awaiting orders to be sent into the province.

An Army spokesman said: "We think it is better to meet our requirements by deploying extra soldiers rather than imposing undue workloads on those already heavily committed."

It is thought that the battalion previously based at Tidworth in Hampshire and which ended a two-year tour of duty in the north in November 1983 will be in the province for four months.

About 1,100 extra troops that have now been flown into the north since January are on duty protecting RUC stations which bore the brunt of a series of Provisional IRA attacks last winter. The soldiers are also guarding the restoration work taking place at stations that were destroyed and damaged in the bombing campaign. *Parades: warlike, page 4*

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# Pop groups should be made quieter by law, says noise council

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Noise laws are failing to protect the public against "acoustic intrusion" and need tightening, the Noise Council said in its first public statement yesterday.

Lord Elliott of Morpeth, chairman of the council, said: "I would like to have a go at pop groups."

Mr Michael Ankers, assistant director of environmental health at Manchester City Council, said: "Nationally we fail to recognize that a lot of low-level distress is caused by what would cause an outcry if it was a low level of chemical exposure."

Dr Geoffrey Leventhal, president of the Institute of Acoustics and a deputy chairman of the new council, said that the thousands of noise complaints made to local authorities showed that many people were annoyed by noise made by others.

But the council showed in its first report that there was a large gap between what the law demanded and what could be enforced.

The council has been

formed by institutes of health and enforcement officers because of the growth in complaints about noise. It is meant to replace the Noise Advisory Council, a quango abolished five years ago.

Environmental health officers, who enforced the laws, had no police powers to stop and search suspects, the report said. "If the person is not known or refuses to cooperate, then the matter cannot proceed." Council members listed several types of noise which often caused annoyance.

**Household noise:** Thin walls between houses and flats and powerful hi-fi equipment have helped to push up the number of complaints more than tenfold in the past 15 years. "Building regulations have failed to solve the problems of poor sound insulation in modern properties", Dr Leventhal said.

**Cassette players:** Almost 2,000 complaints made to local councils last year about street noise, often caused by cassette players, led to 35

convictions. "It is a question of catching them at it", Dr Leventhal said. "The only people available to do the catching are the overworked environmental health officers."

**Building sites:** The council's report suggested that builders' satisfaction with council enforcement efforts indicated that they were too feeble. "Neighbourhood noise levels are unnecessarily elevated."

**Motorcycles:** "Everybody knows it is a major problem, but construction-and-use regulations demand complicated testing of silencers," Mr Ankers said. Dr Leventhal said people suffered because laws on all types of traffic noise were ignored.

**Noise at work:** The law had been used "sporadically and inconsistently", the report said. There was enough law to ensure adequate protection, but too little enforcement because of "the depletion of the strength and resources of the factory inspectorate at area level".



Mr Keith Taylor, sculpture conservator, preparing one of Gilbert's works for the exhibition (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

## Royal model found in chest

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The plaster model for one of the greatest royal sculpture commissions of the past century has been found mouldering in a tea chest on the Sandringham Estate.

Partly restored, the model will be one of the surprises of an exhibition at the Royal Academy to mark the return of the familiar statue of Eros to Piccadilly Circus on March 24, and the revival of interest in its creator, Sir Alfred Gilbert.

Gilbert, a member of the royal circle who later fell into debt and was asked to resign from the Royal Academy, is now best known for Eros, the statue that was criticized on moral grounds when it was unveiled in 1893, partly because the Haymarket was then



Sir Alfred Gilbert working in his studio. A popular place for prostitutes. But it was the memorial to Queen Victoria's eldest grandson, Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, which was the

greatest commission of the day.

Gilbert was reconciled to the Royal Family in old age and given a studio in Kensington Palace. The model for what many thought his greatest work was bought by Edward VII after Gilbert's death in 1934, and then set aside.

It remained lost until Mr Richard Dormant, who was working on a biography of Gilbert, visited Sandringham. Mr Dormant said that the model, found in a tea chest, had been affected by water and gnawed by rats but remained fascinating.

It will be unveiled on March 21 with other Gilbert work at the RA exhibition organized by Mr Dormant. The exhibition includes some of the plaster models from which Eros was cast.

## Bishop tells of satanist rituals

A bishop yesterday told a court that satanists in Sussex acted out rituals at the Long Man of Wilmington, a figure cut into a chalk hillside near Eastbourne, East Sussex.

The Bishop of Lewes, the Right Rev Peter Ball, said that at first he had thought that "people mucked around" with the devil, but since the Derry Mainwaring Knight case began, he realized satanic organizations existed and that they were "a lot more real".

"I think that was one of the reasons that I gave my support to Knight as I thought it was a rather large case of mucking around", the bishop told the jury in the satanist trial at Maidstone Crown Court.

However, since then the bishop said that he had puzzled in his mind whether the Rev John Baker, Rector of Newick, East Sussex, who was raising money for Mr Knight, and whom the bishop completely trusted, was right.

Mr Knight, aged 46, an unemployed painter and decorator, from Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining more than £20,000 by deception from committed Christians.

He claims he spent the money on buying Satanic insignia to free himself from the control of the devil, but, it is alleged, the money went on fast cars, prostitutes and girl friends.

The bishop said he had met Mr Knight to encourage him in his exit from evil. But he had expressed his amazement as the amount of money grew that he was told had been raised to free Mr Knight from the devil's control.

Mr Knight told the bishop about the operation he had as a young man to have discs inserted in his forehead to heighten his control by the devil.

The case continues today.

## Mortgages for top earners

A new company has been set up to provide mortgages to higher income home buyers in the South-east.

The Household Mortgage Corporation aims to provide £1 billion of mortgages within three years of its launch in September.

The company will join the growing ranks of those in the insurance and financial services fields offering mortgages.

The corporation will initiate business through the top ten insurance companies in the UK, estate agents and mortgage brokers. It says that it can offer competitive mortgage terms because it does not have to bear the expensive overheads.

Mortgages of under £15,000 will not be considered and the corporation will lend only 80 per cent of the value of the property.

But the corporation says it can turn around mortgage applications within 24 hours. Its terms are likely to be based on a formula linked to bank base rates.

The novel aspect of corporation's operation is that it will raise money by selling mortgage-backed securities.

## Children's pockets feel pinch

Britain's economy may be picking up but the effects have not reached the chewing gum pockets of the nation's offspring. For the third year running cutbacks are due in spending on stink bombs and jelly babies.

The Pocket Money Monitor conducted for Wall's Ice Cream shows the average weekly income, comprising pocket money, earnings and gifts, of the 10 million children aged between five and 16 is £1.94p, 5 per cent up on last year but running more than 1 per cent behind inflation.

Parents are being more generous: average weekly pocket money is up 7 per cent to £1.17p, although it is still below the 1983 record of £1.22. But friends and relatives are being slightly tighter-fisted and earnings from paper rounds and odd jobs are down.

The monitor, which is conducted each year, continues to undermine the reputation of Scots for parsimony. Scottish parents, friends and relations are the most generous with pocket money and gifts, although children from the North-west are the most affluent overall.

## Falklands survivor hit by cosh

Spanish hostility over the Falklands campaign led to a badly-burned British survivor of the conflict being coshed by a security guard when he tried to enter a discotheque in Tenerife.

Mr Simon Weston, aged 23, a former Welsh Guardsman, described yesterday how his first holiday since the war turned into two weeks of tension when some Spaniards realized how he came by his injuries. He had gone to Tenerife as part of his rehabilitation.

Mr Weston, named recently as a Man of the Year, was aboard the Sir Galahad when it was hit and turned into a blazing inferno. Fifty men were killed and 67 injured.

Since then Mr Weston spent months having his face and hands reconstructed. He said: "When some of the Spaniards realized I had been down to the Falklands and that's why I looked the way I did they started giving me a hard time."

After coshing him, the security guard "then stuck his pistol into my ribs. I took off. After all discretion is the better part of valour."

On another occasion, he was shunned at a restaurant after a waiter asked him how his face had been scarred.

"The waiter said 'Las Malvinas' and I replied 'yes the Falklands'." The waiter walked away without taking his order.

But Mr Weston said that he had received a marvellous reaction from British tourists. "It was my first real break since the Falklands and it was definitely worth it. It won't stop me going on holiday again although I wouldn't go to another Spanish area."

Mrs Pauline Hatfield, his mother, said: "It's true that Simon did meet a certain amount of hostility the first week he was there but overall he enjoyed the holiday."

His holiday was paid for by a well-wisher.

## Vegetarian diet may 'lead to deficiency'

A vegetarian diet can significantly reduce the incidence of a number of diseases related to meat fibre intake, according to a report published yesterday.

But, at the same time, a leading nutritionist told a London conference that those who ate no food of animal origin might be at risk of deficiency.

Professor John Catford, professor of health education and health promotion at the University of Wales College of Medicine, said that meat was an important component of a healthy diet, and a valuable source of protein, iron, zinc and vitamin B12.

The first report by Professor John Dickerson, head of nutrition and food science at the University of Surrey, and Dr Jill Davies, senior lecturer in food and nutrition at the South Bank Polytechnic, found that vegetarians spent about one-fifth of the time in hospital as meat eaters.

Among vegetarians taking part in the study, there were no cases of hernia, diabetes or coronary thrombosis.

## Sony launches portable disc player in UK

Sony has decided to launch the world's smallest portable disc player, the Discman, in Britain next week.

The Discman, a compact disc hi-fi, allows any track to be chosen, and the machine can also be connected to amplifiers and speakers. It will cost about £260.

Britain has been chosen because sales of compact disc players have soared in the past few weeks. Sony expect it to be as successful as the Walkman, five million of which have been sold worldwide since its introduction five years ago.

## Mother strangled her baby in hospital

A Birmingham mother strangled her 15-day-old son on the floor of a hospital lavatory, the city's Crown Court was told yesterday.

Christine Annesley, aged 25, of Reservoir Road, Bart Green, Hereford and Worcester, said she had killed her son, James, "to spite" her executive husband because she did not believe he was giving her the support she needed, Mr David Crigman, for the prosecution, said.

She later said she hoped her actions would mean she would be sent to hospital. She was sent home from the

# The new young rich

You can see them most evenings in the smarter trattorias and brasseries. Certainly you can hear them, braying at the top of their voices with phrases like: "Is anyone doing Philip's BES scheme for importing retsina? He raised the first £250,000 over three lunches at Sweetings but they've still got to find another one-two-five."

They are the new City gents. Unnervingly young (25 to 35) and unpardonably well paid (£75,000 a year minimum) — a fact that is not a little irritating to those of their age and class who have somehow ended up on the wrong side of £25,000 p.a.

In this week's Spectator Nicholas Coleridge thoroughly examines their social habits and their sources of income, and asks whether their future will be as rosy as their present. Indeed, the rest of this week's Spectator is spectacularly rich.

John Mortimer makes his debut as The Spectator diarist, Auberon Waugh and Ferdinand Mount are on top form, and there's Alan Watkins on Michael Foot, William Deedes on his first day in Fleet Street 55 years ago, and Lord Gowrie on David Hockney.

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# Labour's £24b spending plans under fire

### TREASURY

With the Budget a mere five days away, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Commons that he was confident that the rate of inflation would come down.

During the exchanges, Treasury ministers indulged on several occasions in the well-known expression that MPs should avoid the Budget statement. However, Conservative backbenchers bombarded ministers about Treasury calculations that Labour Party spending pledges, set out in a recent written reply by Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, totalled £24 billion.

Mr MacGregor explained to the House that he stuck to the figure but that he had written the previous day to Mr Hattersley admitting that one of the figures he had put in should be down and another should be up. Mr Hattersley had not given an alternative figure.

If it was going to be much lower it would be interesting to see which of the Labour spending commitments Mr Hattersley was going to knock out. What was interesting was that Mr Hattersley did not wish to deny the figure of £24 billion. Mr Lawson at one stage said it was interesting the Labour Party had not been able to deny the accuracy of that costing.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) said Conservative MPs were trying to make the figure stick by constantly repeating it as though a lie constantly repeated became the truth.

The issue of Labour's spending was raised when Mr Lawson was asked during question time what he estimated would be the additional revenue in the year 1986-87 if the marginal rate of tax on personal incomes in excess of £30,000 was increased to 100 per cent.

Individual taxable incomes in excess of £30,000 (the reported total some £3.5 billion of which almost £2 billion is already paid by income tax) would yield an additional £1.5 billion, but the actual yield would be closer to zero as relatively few people are prepared to work for nothing.

Mr Christopher Chope (Southampton, Con) it is a grave deception for any public expenditure programme of an additional £24 billion could be financed merely by taxing the better-off. It really means that those on even well below average earnings would have to pay substantially higher income tax.

Mr Lawson: That is right. He is on the ball. There is an alternative. It is possible because they have said they will not raise

the basic rate of income tax, that they might resort to VAT. In which case, arithmetically they would require a 41 per cent rate of VAT.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): The burden of taxation on individuals has increased under this Government. A recent ministerial reply showed that the Government would have to reduce the basic

Labour government of which Mr Wrigglesworth was a supporter.

The total revenue from taxation is up because incomes and prosperity have increased very considerably. As for the high-ly welcome fact that he would like to see taxes down. So would I.

We have not yet been able (he said later) to cost absolutely the proposals put forward by the Government which have been frequently conflict, but we shall get around to that in due course.

Meanwhile, we have been able to cost properly, correctly and objectively the programme of the Labour Party and it is said, but out of an industrial strategy for growth, as against the Government's strategy for recession and the many billions of pounds given away by the Government in the form of concessions on capital transfer tax and capital gains tax which would be sufficient to finance the programmes of the Labour Government.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): The programme of a Labour government will not only be funded out of taxation of the more highly-paid, but out of an industrial strategy for growth, as against the Government's strategy for recession and the many billions of pounds given away by the Government in the form of concessions on capital transfer tax and capital gains tax which would be sufficient to finance the programmes of the Labour Government.

Mr Lawson: There is no way in which Labour can find £24 billion from capital taxes. Not even the last Labour Govern-

ment, which introduced new and more punitive capital taxes, was able to find anything like that, but had to go cap-in-hand to the International Monetary Fund 10 years ago.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Totterham, Lab): Which section of the Treasury established the £24 billion figure? Was it wholly the work of the Treasury? Will he give details of the assessments which have been provided by Treasury officials? Mr Lawson: Treasury ministers collected a list of the various public pledges to which the Labour Party is committed and then asked Treasury officials to give an objective costing of these pledges. They did that and the figure arrived at was £24 billion.

Mr John Hattersley (Newcastle, Lab): It is not clear from your speech that the Labour Party's public expenditure proposals would cost about £24 billion.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) who said the one thing certain to the Treasury was a £24 billion public spending spree, as planned by the Labour Party. Mr MacGregor agreed with him and said this would lead to increased taxation or to increased borrowing, which would clutter industry.

He had written to Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, indicating that

he believed the extra public expenditure involved in the Labour Party's proposals would be in the region of £24 billion.

Mr Bob Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) said last year the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson) had described his Budget as a budget for jobs. Since then unemployment had increased by over 114,000.

When the Chancellor sits down on Tuesday (he added) will he tell us, in language the unemployed will understand, is unemployment going to go up or down?

Mr MacGregor replied that the last Budget announced significant increases in expenditure on employment and training measures for 1986/7, such as the YTS.

Mr David Wisniewski (Westall North, Lab) said most people were now paying more taxes, directly and indirectly, than they were in 1979.

Had the Government estimated the amount of money lost to the Treasury as a result of mass unemployment? If those people had been allowed to earn a living, how much more would the revenue have gained through proper taxation?

Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replied that people were paying less tax at all levels than they were when the Conservatives came to power.

# Nirex proposal 'contrary to lessons of past'

### NUCLEAR WASTE

Nuclear disposal sites that stored waste near the surface would never be willingly accepted if they contained material of intermediate life expectancy, Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) said when opening a short debate in the Commons.

He said the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive (Nirex) had proposed detailed geological investigations at four possible sites - Fulbeck airfield, Lincolnshire, in its constituency; Ebbw Vale, South Wales; and South Killingholme, South Humberside.

The Nirex scheme was contrary to the recommendations earlier this week of the Environment Select Committee on the weight of informed opinion and to the lessons of the past. It also ignored the existence of other established disposal methods. It reflected a certain complacency, a lack of sensitivity and lack of research, as well as incompetence, by the British nuclear industry.

Those of us who represent the people who live in the areas containing the proposed sites (he said) are simply not going to deliver the British nuclear industry from the consequences of its own actions and its own folly. He was pleased to see the Chief Whip (Mr John Wakeham) whose Essex constituency was affected by the proposals, giving powerful support by being present on the Government front bench for the debate.

Discussions which had enormous consequences for the local communities involved. Most MPs shared the "not in my back yard" approach, but if nuclear waste was undesirable in their back yards they should ask themselves why it was suitable for somebody else's.

The Government should immediately set up an independent inquiry into the continuation of the nuclear industry.

Sir Bernard Brainer (Castle Point, C) said that there was a long-established convention that chief whips did not express their views in the chamber out of respect for the Government. Mr John Wakeham, the Government chief whip and MP for Colchester South and Maldon, who was in his place on the front bench, must not be construed as expressing indifference or inactivity.

Mr Wakeham had already expressed his total opposition to the prospect of Broadwell in his constituency being used as a site for the other nuclear waste. In fact he had the full support of his Essex colleagues and of Essex County Council.

Mr Wakeham's constituents were angry and he was, in Essex sympathy with them, Broadwell was close to areas of rapid population growth and the site was inadequate, and the area was totally unsuitable because it was subject to flooding. Could it be said that there would be no repetition of the great tide of 1953? Sea defences should be mended before embarking on a crashpot scheme of this kind.

A serious geological fault ran through Broadwell which had led to claims of earthquake tremors being felt in the area. For instance, the centre of the great Essex earthquake of 1884, in which at least three people died, was only four miles away from the proposed site.

The proposal was madness and it would be preferable to tear it up.

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) said:

No work had been done on the site with regard to the problem of nuclear waste. Nirex was an unaccountable and unselected body. Its representatives had gone up and down the country causing distress and had no idea of how to treat local people.

Mr Nicholas Lyell (Mid Bedfordshire, C) said that if consideration was to continue to be given to the dumping of waste in what was now called near-surface trenches it should be low-level only.

Mr Eric Hoffer (Liverpool, Lab) said that there were three options: (a) drilling techniques to create deep holes in the continental shelf into which waste could be put; disposal in the deep ocean, on the seabed, or by emplacement, tunnels or caverns excavated under the seabed.

He was concerned that the nuclear industry had been so slow to investigate what technology could give it.

The fact that Nirex had not come forward with opinions on the near-surface system was a failure on their part to show the kind of consistent commitment to research that it was right to expect of them, even though there was no immediate and pressing need to find another method and another site for the disposal of nuclear waste.

Mr David Lewis (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lab) said they were being bounced into taking de-

# Press should not name rape victims

### CRIME

The naming of rape victims by the media was criticized by the Prime Minister during question time in the Commons.

Mrs Thatcher said rape was a uniquely barbaric offence and the recent guidelines issued by the Lord Chief Justice had led to much more severe sentencing.

I think the whole of a media (she said) bear a heavy responsibility for the way in which they report crimes of violence. In rape cases, the name of the victim must not be given by law after the charge has been made, but there are certain customs and conventions which obtain between the commission of this terrible offence and the court which one would hope would be observed by the press.

She was replying to Mr Alan Belth (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) who suggested that the behaviour of the press and media played some part in creating a climate of opinion in which sex and women took place.

He asked her to dissociate herself from the ridicule suffered the previous day by Ms Claire Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) when she was interviewed by Bill and Barbara Haskins, a pair of naked women from newspapers.

He also urged Mrs Thatcher to use her influence to bring together newspaper proprietors and editors.

Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C) said there seemed to be a growing and strong link between crime, including rape, and the widespread misuse of heroin and cocaine.

Will the Prime Minister confirm (he asked) that this Government is giving, and will continue to give, the highest priority and all the resources that may be necessary to meet the terrible dangers of drug abuse?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I agree that the use of drugs makes all crime worse than it would otherwise be, particularly crimes of violence. We will give every priority to tackling this terrible cancer in our lives.

The law was being changed to make it easier to get at the proceeds of that dastardly crime.

# Kinnock wants more spent on crime prevention

### BURGLARIES

Challenged by Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, to provide new money to make homes and the streets safer from crime, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons amid loud Labour interruptions.

It really means that those on even well below average earnings would have to pay substantially higher income tax.

Mr Kinnock said there had been an alarming and massive increase in crime of 41 per cent since 1978. Would the Prime Minister ensure that new money was allocated to local authorities to assist them in their efforts to make streets and homes safer for ordinary citizens, especially the elderly?

Mrs Thatcher said Mr Kinnock knew that extra money had been given to local authorities through the police grant. Some money was expended, too, under the Community Programme

to further crime prevention programmes.

Mr Kinnock commented that that answer was somewhat misleading. At the crime prevention seminar Mrs Thatcher had held in January, the only new money even referred to had been £50 million to be taken from the housing improvement programme.

That would be an inadequate sum (he said) from the wrong source. The sums involved in improving door locks, safety standards of doors, lighting, telephone entry systems and other security additions need to be paid for and can appropriately be aided by the Government.

Mrs Thatcher, amid interruptions from the Labour benches, said: Most people will, and should be, in a position to provide for crime prevention on their own. Yes, of course they should. Mr Kinnock, with almost every question, wants to put his hand deeper into the taxpayer's pocket.

The Opposition does not care how much it takes away from the taxpayer, and it is better for most people able to do these things to do so.

For the elderly who cannot afford it is a proper use of money from the community programme, for instance, and help in crime prevention.

Mr Kinnock: Much of what she might be referring to in Dulwich but it is not necessarily true on housing estates throughout the country.

If we do not find resources to help old people and poor people protect their homes and streets, we are going to have to find it in any case to help the police detect the crime too late and after the damage has been done.

Mrs Thatcher: He should reflect on what the Government has done in the way of providing extra police and extra equipment, and he goes and shakes hands with Bernie Grant and Scargill.

# Rate of inflation will come down - Lawson

### PROSPECTS

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is confident that the rate of inflation will come down, he said during questions. The present rate of inflation was not satisfactory, even though it was lower than it was under the last Labour Government.

He said that he would be dealing with the prospects for inflation in the Budget next Tuesday.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked the Chancellor to explain why Britain's inflation rate was now running faster and higher than the inflation rate in any of their OECD competitors?

Mr Lawson: I have said that I do not regard the present rate of inflation as satisfactory, even though it is far lower than was during the time of the Labour Government. I am confident that it will come down.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) will be confirming the remarkable fact that the only equivalent industrial nation with a higher rate of inflation is Italy. Was that his aim when he took office two years ago?

Mr Lawson: The financial spokesman for the Liberals and SDP has said that the present rate of inflation would produce inflation of 7.5 per cent. I shall be dealing with the prospects for inflation in the Budget. I do not regard the present level of inflation as satisfactory even though it is far lower than was ever achieved under Labour.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Backbench motion on management reorganisation of NHS.

Later, during business questions, Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said he also wanted to refer to a deplorable and dangerous incident at Wapping, in his constituency, when a heavy lorry ploughed its way through the crowd. This was witnessed by himself and three of his colleagues.

Will Mr Biffen ask the Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) to make an early statement (he went on) not only on this event, but also on the arrangements between the police and News International on the movement of lorries with a view to avoiding what could easily have been a disastrous event?

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House: I will refer Mr Shore's request to the Home Secretary.



Lawson: Silence not to be construed as indifference

# Picket incident regret

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, expressed her regret in the Commons that two demonstrators had been injured outside the News International plant at Wapping on Wednesday night.

The issue was raised by Mr Martin O'Neill (Clackmannan, Lab) who said a rogue lorry charged a crowd of speakers outside the plant, including privy councillors and members of the Shadow Cabinet.

Mrs Thatcher: I regret in this incident two demonstrators at Wapping suffered injuries and I am glad to say that the injuries were slight. Two police officers also suffered minor injuries.

I hope Mr O'Neill will express sympathy for the 79 police officers injured on the picket line at Wapping.

Job schemes go well

Early indications from the nine pilot job start schemes were encouraging, Lord Young of Grafham, Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions in the House of Lords.

He said the Government was studying the results urgently to see if the scheme could be widened.

Answering a question by Lady Fisher of Rednal (Lab) on response to the pilot scheme, he told peers: In the nine weeks to

# RUC chief calls for tribunal to decide on parade routes

From Richard Ford Belfast

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, has suggested that an independent public tribunal could consider decisions on the banning and re-routing of traditional parades in Northern Ireland.

Such a proposal would be part of an effort to end allegations that the police are acting politically when they make recommendations about "loyalist" and republican parades, and that RUC decisions are being made at the behest of the Irish Republic.

Sir John's suggestion yesterday comes after violent demonstrations and controversy over loyalist parades last summer, and with traditional Orange institutions threatening not to negotiate with police over any re-routing this summer.

Sir John is critical of parade organizers, arguing that their attitudes often make the task of the police more difficult, while the community becomes entrenched and embittered.

In his report for 1985, Sir John said that out of 1,897 loyalist and 223 republican parades only three were banned and 22 re-routed last year.

He said that there was opposition to the re-routing

### Policing of Ulster



Sir John Hermon, who praised his officers.

the community will become totally entrenched and embittered.

Sir John devoted a section of his report to the Anglo-Irish agreement and its effect on policing, along with "mischievous attempts" by public representatives to cause concern or disquiet within the force's ranks.

Unionist politicians are warned that subversive organizations might attempt to legitimize themselves by becoming involved in protests against the agreement. "Responsible leaders should be fully aware of this danger, clearly dissociate themselves from such people and ensure that their followers are not duped or misled."

The report showed that terrorism in the province was at its lowest level since 1970 with shootings and explosions down by 30 per cent and the Provisional IRA's campaign increasingly concentrated in border areas.

Sir John praised his officers for their outstanding courage. "Each and every day, whatever the danger, whatever the call of duty, they demonstrate that they are totally committed to defeating terrorism."

Of para-military organizations, Sir John said: "Stripped of the double talk and propaganda, their purpose is murder, destruction, intimidation, the perpetration of hatred."

# Spain goes to court over Goya

Spain made its first High Court move yesterday to recover a Goya masterpiece.

The kingdom of Spain took auctioneers Christie's to court to seek to prevent the auction next month of "La Marquessa de Santa Cruz" said to be worth £8 million.

A full hearing of its claim for a declaration that the export document allowing the painting to leave Spain was false is to be heard shortly, but at a 45-minute private hearing yesterday the Vice-Chancellor Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson dealt with preliminary issues.

The painting is being put up for sale by Lord Wimborne who bought it in Switzerland in 1983 from Spanish businessman Pedro Saorin Bosch who obtained the export licence. The Spanish authorities claim the licence was invalid.



Alec McCowen, the actor, showing his CBE insignia which he received from the Prince of Wales at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace yesterday. He was made a CBE in the New Year Honours. Mr McCowen, aged 60, has given command performances of the St Mark's Gospel before President Reagan and the Queen Mother.

# New roads 'no cure for delays'

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

London is doomed to suffer permanent traffic delays unless there is a change in Government policy, a leading traffic expert said yesterday.

The present policy of building more roads is not a cure because if more capacity is provided on the roads, or more car parks are made available, more car users will come into the centre. Dr Martin Mogridge of the Transport Studies Group at University College, London, said.

Dr Mogridge admitted motorists' addition to car commuting, but said that in one important respect it was misplaced. Actual driving times were certainly faster by car than public transport, at an average 12 mph.

But if the time taken to park and walk from parking space to destination is added, the two journeys are equally slow, at an average 5 mph.

The way to speed up traffic is to improve rail services. Dr Mogridge believes, especially by providing new London routes, such as the Snow Hill connection between northern and southern commuter lines.

And traffic through the Dartford Tunnel has grown by a further 2,000-3,000 vehicles a day since the Swanley-Sevenoaks section of the M25 was opened last month, the road pressure group Movement for London has said.

# Lords call for EEC milk cut

By George Hill

A 3 per cent cut in milk production should be enforced in all EEC member states, the House of Lords European Communities committee has recommended.

The committee is worried that proposed voluntary cuts in quotas will not be enough to eliminate a "milk lake" which last year amounted to more than 20 million tonnes.

"Member states which fail to reach their target by a specified date should be required to effect the outstanding reduction by compulsory cut in quotas across the board", the committee says.

Tenant farmers in Britain should not be allowed to surrender milk quotas on the land they farm without the consent of their landlords, who should be entitled to a share of the rewards of surrender, the committee says.

The proposed EEC regulation on quotas pays insufficient regard to landlords' interests, it adds.

If a reduction in national production is achieved, the rules need not prohibit someone who has surrendered a quota from resuming milk production if he can obtain a quota from elsewhere, the committee proposes.

Milk Production (Outgoers Scheme): Seventh Report of the House of Lords European Communities Select Committee. HMSO, £7.20.

# Court criticizes the singing sheriff

The conduct of a sheriff who loudly sang two different versions of an anti-Roman Catholic song, called The Sash My Father Wore, during a criminal trial was condemned by three judges in the Judiciary Appeal Court, Edinburgh, yesterday.

They said the conduct of Sheriff David Smith at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last June in asking the accused to sing, showing annoyance at his refusal and then singing himself, was deplorable in the highest degree.

But the court refused to quash the conviction of Robert Hawthorn, aged 25, a labourer, of Seaton Terrace, Irvine, who claimed the sheriff humiliated him.

He had been jailed for six months for kicking Raymond Hay, of Sophia Crescent, Irvine, on the head. He was on bail pending the appeal.

Lord Ross, Lord Justice Clerk, who presided at the Appeal Court, said: "What the sheriff did in my opinion was ill-considered."

Lord Hunter and Lord Robertson agreed that what the sheriff had done was deplorable.

Evidence had been given that the assault victim had been singing a version of "The Sash" and that this led to the incident.

MPS stop deficit ombudsman

EU fears has over pesticides

Willis account hit and

### MPs seek to stop council defiance of ombudsmen

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legislation to end the situation in which local authorities can defy the rulings of local ombudsmen and refuse to provide aggrieved citizens with a remedy will be sought by a select committee of MPs in a forthcoming report.

### NFU fears bias over pesticides

By Stephen Goodwin

Government plans to charge for independent guidance on the use of pesticides could force farmers to rely on the potentially biased advice of the chemical manufacturers, a Commons select committee was told yesterday.

### Three police charged over pub assault

Three policemen were yesterday charged with assaulting a man at a public house.

### TUC Women's Conference

### Willis accuses Tories of hit and run tactics

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, attacked the Government yesterday for organizing a "car boot sale" of Britain's profitable industries.

### Students to sue Geldof

Bob Geldof was served with a writ for damages yesterday by students at York University, who claim he undermined their efforts to help charities.

The students are taking the action against the Live Aid organizer after a concert last year, with his band the Boomtown Rats. Their show at the university's Central Hall had the audience dancing in the aisles, which led to a ban on all future pop concerts.

### Buoyant Carrington applauds result

From Richard Owen and Frederick Bonmart, Brussels

In buoyant mood, Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, yesterday greeted the result of the Spanish referendum as "good for Europe, good for the alliance and good for Spain."

## Royal adieu after 26 happy days

From Stephen Taylor, Adelaide

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh waved farewell to Australia from the steps of an RAAF jet yesterday, 26 days after setting out on what has been an arduous and eventful, but also, aides say, a remarkably satisfying and happy royal tour.



Fond farewell: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh (below) return waves from officials at Adelaide airport yesterday.

They were seen off by Sir Ninian Stephen, the Governor-General, and Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister who, whatever his own sentiments, will be in no doubt that Australians still want their Queen. The prevalent national mood is a comfortable acceptance that Australia will one day be a republic, but for the time being that day looks a long way off.

The final day, as well as the farewells, brought a last demonstration - and an apology from two of the 12 people known to have been arrested in the course of the tour.

While the Duke was at Flinders University to unveil a bust of Matthew Flinders, who charted the Australian coast, a group of about a dozen students held placards protesting that money had been spent on the ceremony rather than on campus clinic facilities.

During the ceremony one student called out: "Long live the republic of Australia." The Duke, standing near the microphone but apparently unaware that it was switched on, murmured: "That's a good idea."

Meanwhile, the household made public a letter to the Queen from two young men arrested after they attempted, unsuccessfully, to spray the Royal couple with a fire hose from the top of a building.

Apologizing for "any inconvenience" the letter said: "The turning on of the hose from the top of the building after you had entered the hotel was the result of high spirits and was an act of spontaneous stupidity which we truly regret."

Australia, on the other hand, which was once seen from New Zealand as a sort of big brother more inclined to question and criticize the "motherland", has put behind it the bitterness towards royalists which arose from the dismissal of the Whitlam Government a decade ago.

A feature of the tour has been the extensive and positive coverage it received in the Australian media. Leading articles have been uniformly welcoming, prompting Mr Michael Shea, the Queen's press secretary, to remark: "There has never been a warmer response from editorial opinion here."

Australia will be looking forward to another royal visit in 1988, the year of the bicentenary. Appropriately the man in charge of organizing it is an Australian.

Sir William Heseltine, who next month takes over from Sir Philip Moore as the Queen's private secretary, will be the first Commonwealth citizen to hold the post.

## Manila close to rebel pact

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The new Government of President Aquino is close to a breakthrough in ceasefire negotiations to end almost two decades of fighting by Communist and Muslim rebels.

The Communist New People's Army (NPA) has stopped all "offensive actions" in three central provinces and "thousands" of leftist and Muslim separatist rebels have sent "peace-feelers", the Political Affairs Minister, Mr Antonio Cuenco, said yesterday.

Mrs Aquino, who has met Communist Party leaders, is expected to meet today self-exiled Muslim rebel commanders who have returned to discuss ending the rebellion.

Mr Cuenco expects Mrs Aquino will soon proclaim amnesties for both forces. But Mrs Aquino is insisting that the Communist rebels first lay down their arms.

Although the Communist Party central committee has rejected that, Mr Cuenco is confident many of the estimated 16,000 NPA members are prepared to do so. The Communist political leaders admit to misreading the popular sentiment and underestimating the extent of the people's power movement which ousted Mr Marcos.

Like Mrs Aquino's purge of 23 Marcos generals, the reorganization of the military and replacement of abusive local officials could rob the NPA of new recruits.

WASHINGTON: Mr Jovito Salonga, head of the Philippine commission investigating Mr Marcos's wealth, has arrived in Hawaii and the Reagan Administration has agreed to give him and Congressional investigators copies of 1,500 financial documents Mr Marcos brought with him (Michael Binyon writes).



Manila close to rebel pact

## Spain's vote for Nato

### González triumph boosts shares

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Rises of up to 12 points on Spain's stock exchanges yesterday reflected the stability of the fundamental pro-Western option achieved through Wednesday's referendum decision to stay in the Atlantic alliance.

Brokers said such increases in one day had not been seen for decades. Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, adopting a sober tone during a moment of personal victory, appealed to all Spain's political forces to help him now to lay the basis for a permanent national consensus on foreign and defence policies.

But the 39 per cent "no" vote wanting Spain to leave Nato, coupled with the 40 per cent abstention rate - the highest in any national poll since the advent of democracy - allowed the Government's opponents also to claim victory.

Flanked by a Spanish flag, Señor González read a message to his fellow countrymen on television declaring: "The result is a victory for all the Spanish people and not any section of it."

A big swing towards "yes" in the final phase of the campaign, after several public opinion polls revealed a week earlier clear majorities for leaving Nato, undoubtedly lay behind the 52 per cent victory which exceeded the Government's expected margin.

After the result, anxiously awaited by Spain's partners both in the European Community and the US, Madrid can now drop its ambiguous stance towards Nato and participate more fully.

But it will do so with three conditions now democratically sanctioned - non-nuclear status for Spanish territory, non-integration into Nato's command structure and a progressive reduction of the US presence and bases on Spanish soil.

Washington had been awaiting the referendum outcome before continuing preliminary negotiations with Madrid on the issue.

It was the 11 million abstentions which caused Señor Manuel Fraga, the right-wing Opposition leader, to argue that his instructions had been obeyed by the voters.

But Señor Oscar Alzaga, the Christian Democrat leader who belongs to Señor Fraga's coalition, stressed his satisfaction with the overall result of Spain staying in the alliance.

The Communists claimed all the six million "no" voters were communists and pacifists. Considerations other than Nato emerged dramatically in the Basque country where the votes doubled the "yes" votes in a higher than national turnout, and in Catalonia where the majority abstained.

HOW THEY VOTED

Yes	8,803,000	52.6%
No	6,629,000	39.8%
Abstain	11,558,000	48.2%
Spill	1,211,000	6.2%
40.2% (11,558,000) did not go to the polls.		

WASHINGTON: The US State Department said: "In strengthening the security of its democratic values, Spain has also strengthened that of its friends and allies." The vote had also "reinforced the sense of confidence shared by members of the Western democratic community."

LONDON: The Foreign Office said the vote had "historic importance for the Western world. As a fellow member of the alliance, we warmly welcome the decision of the Spanish people."

## Accuser of Kohl quits in style

Bonn (Reuters) - Herr Otto Schily, the Greens' MP who has prompted unprecedented legal proceedings against Chancellor Helmut Kohl, resigned from Parliament with a characteristic flourish.

Addressing the chamber before making way for a successor, he accused West Germany's established parties of a huge cover-up of illegal business donations to their funds.

"I do not expect any self-criticism... from those involved because they are too concerned about their positions and have sunk too deep into the mud of political donations," he said.

Herr Schily, aged 53, was speaking during a debate on the final report of a parliamentary committee which for more than two years investigated allegations that the giant Flick industrial concern provided party funds in return for tax favours.

## Crash hostess flies again

Tokyo (UPI) - Yumi Ochiai, aged 27, the JAL air stewardess who survived the worst single plane crash in history, left hospital and flew again, home to Osaka on the route from Tokyo that her Boeing 747 took when it hit a mountainside in August.

"I still want to fly, and I want to continue as a flight attendant," she said, boarding a plane for the first time since the crash in central Japan, in which 520 of the 524 people aboard died.

## Wordy work

Peking (AP) - Work by 15 Chinese universities on a comprehensive dictionary of Chinese characters, in eight volumes with 56,000 entries and 20 million characters, is complete after 10 years.

## Tokyo switch

Tokyo (Reuters) - Long known as workaholics, Japanese are being urged by the Government to take life easier and to help the economy by spending more on leisure.

## Bowing out

Wellington (Reuters) - Mr Frank O'Flynn, aged 67, controversial New Zealand Defence Minister, said he would retire from politics at the next election.

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# New Swedish Premier keeps Palme Cabinet in his search for unity

The new Prime Minister of Sweden, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, yesterday steered his country into a post-Olof Palme era in which the emphasis will be on national unity and consensus.

He signalled clearly an end to the often bitter political infighting which characterized the various administrations of his assassinated predecessor.

"We shall seek solutions to problems that unite the whole country", he said. "There will of course be differences between the political parties in the future. But we shall try extra hard to reach unity and avoid conflict."

He stressed that he had learnt most in his political life from Mr Palme's predecessor, Tage Erlander, who is seen by Swedes as a *landsfader*, or national father figure, a man who sought consensus for the sweeping social and economic reforms introduced after the war that made Sweden a model social democracy.

Mr Palme, shot dead in a Stockholm street on February 28, broke with this tradition and was often accused of arrogance and of making unwarranted personal attacks on his opponents in Parliament.

Mr Carlsson said he would seek particularly to avoid

discussion in the immediate aftermath of Mr Palme's assassination, but he ruled out any possibility of a coalition between his Social Democratic party and any of the non-socialist opposition parties.

His Cabinet, he said, would be unchanged: no one will fill his now-vacant post of deputy Prime Minister.

In the event of Mr Carlsson's death, the premiership would be taken over by the most senior member of the government. At present that is the Agriculture Minister, Mr Svante Lundkvist, aged 67.

As well as his duties as deputy to Mr Palme, Mr Carlsson also had charge of environmental questions. Mrs Birgitta Dahl, minister with responsibility for energy questions, will take over this role.

Mr Carlsson is himself expected to continue to deal with many environmental questions, however, including the acid rain issue, when he holds discussions at the weekend with Lord Witelaw, Mrs Thatcher's deputy, who will attend Mr Palme's state funeral tomorrow.

The new Prime Minister said government changes had not been necessary. "We already had a strong govern-

ment, one of the strongest since the war. I saw no reason to change this.

Mr Carlsson said he would take a keen interest in foreign affairs. "There is no going back to the days when Sweden was isolated from the rest of the world. I shall spend the same amount of time on foreign affairs as Olof Palme. However, I don't guarantee that I will be able to get the same results."

Mr Carlsson confirmed that he will visit Moscow this year. Relations with the Soviet Union had been damaged by many incidents in which Soviet submarines had violated Swedish waters, "but relations are improving. We are interested in having friendly relations with the Soviet Union."

He also hinted at measures "of a selective character" aimed at boosting investment in Swedish industry.

The Prime Minister said he was surrounded by very strict security, but hoped to preserve "a private sector" in his life, as Mr Palme had done.

Would he, as Mr Palme did the night he was murdered, go to the cinema late at night without a bodyguard? "I hope so, yes," he replied.



As the regional and national elections near, posters abound in Paris and other cities — one for the RPR leader, M Jacques Chirac, has been pasted over with a National Front message, while the other poster shows an untouched M Le Pen.

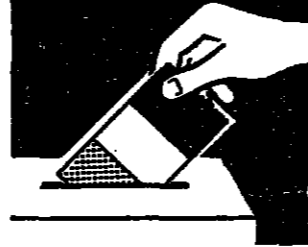
## Le Pen's campaign loses its fizz

From Diana Geddes Mantes-la-Jolie

The fizz has gone out of the National Front campaign. Maybe it was because we were gathered in a shabby 1950s cinema in a small run-down town on a cold night, or maybe it was because M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the Front's leader, was unable to produce his usual fire and brimstone at the end of another exhausting day's campaigning. But one had the feeling that the extreme right was running out of steam.

The latest polls suggest that the National Front will get between 6.5 per cent and 8 per cent of the vote, giving them 15-24 seats in the assembly. That is certainly an achievement for a party which has never had any representatives in Parliament, and which only three years ago was rarely polling more than 2 per cent.

But it is nevertheless very disappointing for a movement which, swept up on a wave of



popular revolt against the economic crisis, racism, fear, and disillusion with the traditional political parties, was launched into the political limelight in 1984 by winning 11 per cent in the European Parliament poll, and which had hoped to get 100 seats in the French election on Sunday.

Undeterred by a recent unfavourable poll, M Le Pen is still going round the country predicting more than 15 per cent of the vote and between 50 and 100 seats. He brushes aside the gloomy predictions as part of a conspiracy by the

Government and the "Gang of Four" — the four other main political parties — to "do down" the National Front.

It is a theme to which he returns frequently. We are "the little men", battling the totalitarian power of the state and the establishment, with their stranglehold on the media, he cries. They tell lies about us and try to vilify us.

There are "lots of little men" in the packed cinema in Mantes-la-Jolie in the Yvelines, west of Paris, and they applaud loudly. Had they not seen how the murder of the Socialist sympathizer by an alleged National Front supporter had made headlines, whereas the media passed by in silence the murder of two young Moroccan immigrants in the south of France?

And what about the allegations against their leader of torture during the Algerian civil war; of underhand dealings to secure a fortune from

## Strike shuts Finnish factories

From Olli Kivinen Helsinki

Last-minute negotiations failed to stop a strike yesterday which closed all important factories, threatening the economic development made by Finland over the past decade.

The strike by the blue-collar union SAK is the first big one since metal workers went out in 1971.

It began when negotiations between SAK and the employers' union, the STK, were proceeding well. The STK had presented a new offer during all-night negotiations but the union said it could not accept it before all employers accepted it. The STK did not have time to

## Strike shuts Finnish factories

have its offer accepted by three other employers' associations.

Mr Pentti Somerto, the STK leader said that about a quarter of the union's million members are actually on strike on behalf of other unions, some of which had accepted a centralized wages agreement already.

## Iraq moves on Fao

Bahrain (Reuters) — Iraq claimed yesterday that an army column advancing along the Fao peninsula had captured two key positions and linked with a column attacking from the west. Baghdad called it a major breakthrough.

But Tehran said that Iranian troops had repulsed an attack on their positions on

## Iraq moves on Fao

the southern tip of the peninsula, killing hundreds of Iraqis and capturing at least 48. The battle took place on the Basra road north of the oil port.

Meanwhile Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said here Britain was deeply concerned at the extension of Gulf fighting and the threat to Kuwait.



Victoria Sellers, aged 23, daughter of the late Peter Sellers and actress Britt Ekland, who has been charged with trying to set up a drug network in New Jersey. She is alleged to have belonged to a Hollywood gang (Christopher Thomas writes). Five alleged gang members have been arrested; Miss Sellers is still being sought.

## Norway crisis budget will put up prices

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Amid government warnings of "economic catastrophe", an emergency package of budget adjustments is to be proposed to the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) today that will mean substantial price increases in a country that is already one of the most expensive in the world.

Mr Rolf Presthus, the Finance Minister, will call for higher taxes on alcohol and tobacco, both of which are already taxed prohibitively in order to discourage their use.

The price of petrol, which has been dropping almost weekly since the bottom fell out of the oil market last January, would be bolstered, and government subsidies on beef and lamb, long a target of Mr Kaare Willoch's Conservative administration, would be reduced.

Norway, Europe's largest oil producing nation after Britain, has made strenuous efforts through the years of the North Sea oil bonanza to anticipate the hazards it now faces. But although it has managed to avoid becoming a one-product economy, oil revenues by last year were accounting for a fifth of the government's total income. This year, the proportion is likely to be closer to 6 per cent.

Some examples of current prices: bottle of "cheap" Norwegian whiskey, 151 kroner; packet of 20 cigarettes, 230 kroner; 1 lb mince, 36 kroner; 100 gms Nescafe coffee, 42.50 kroner; small bottle shampoo 15.70 kroner; one small lemon, 2.70 kroner; tin baked beans (400gms), 14.90 kroner. (1 kroner equals 10p-11p.)

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# Sharon alone unscathed after Herut party uproar

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Herut convention adjourned in uproar early yesterday with Mr Ariel Sharon, the rogue elephant of the party, alone emerging relatively unharmed from three days and nights of near constant vindictive abuse among the leaders. A real question mark must now hang over how long the party leader, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, can survive as Prime Minister if he takes over in October under the terms of the present coalition agreement with Labour. Mr Shamir had spent most of the convention on the sidelines of the often violent arguments. Late on Wednesday, as the forces of Mr Sharon and his ally, Mr David Levy, threatened to sweep all before them, Mr Shamir tried to speak to save both his political career and the middle-class, traditional standards he stands for. But his microphone oratory scarcely rose above the roars of chanting delegates. It was only by contriving a way of adjourning proceedings indefinitely that he managed to end a destructive performance by the various pretenders to the role of Mr Menachem Begin as ruler of Herut and of Israel. The scene for the final session was set by the result of the vote for chairman of the convention mandate committee between Mr Sharon and Mr Binyamin Begin, son of the former undisputed leader. Since the Shamir camp had narrowly carried the day in the

election for convention chairman. Mr Begin started as favourite. But that was because Mr Sharon's charisma and ability to fight against the odds had been discounted. In the end he won convincingly, securing the right to appoint new convention delegates. That was a right which would enable him to ensure victory for Mr Levy against the Shamir candidate in the election for chairman of the policy-making steering committee. It was the battle to stop this that forced Mr Shamir to contrive an end to the proceedings. Before that happened both he and Mr Levy had outbid each other in hurling insults. Mr Levy was described by his leader as "a criminal" and later as "a man driven by megalomania". Mr Levy said that Mr Shamir's behaviour was better suited to Disneyland. Mr Sharon managed to stand aside from the slanging match and to appeal directly to delegates of both camps on the basis of his past reputation. The chief protagonists now have to rally support before the convention is recalled in a few weeks to try again to choose its leaders and then discuss policies. Mr Shamir can expect to stay on to be Prime Minister. But he will have to bring both Mr Levy and Mr Sharon into his Cabinet to hold the party together.



A despondent Mr Shamir pondering the results of the convention and the revolt against his leadership.

# Greece jails Arab for attack on envoy

From Mario Modiano Athens

An Arab, aged 25, has been sentenced by a Greek court to 10 1/2 years' imprisonment, after an abortive attempt to assassinate a senior Jordanian diplomat in Athens in 1984.

The man, identified by his Moroccan passport as Amar Mabrouki, was found guilty of illegal possession and use of a weapon, but the court accepted mitigating circumstances because "he had not acted out of base motives".

Convictions of Arab terrorists in Greece have been rare and this development was seen as a sign of the Greek Government's declared intention to co-operate with the West in counter-terrorism.

Mr Assim Qureshat, the Jordanian Minister-Counselor, told the court he recognized the defendant as the man who had tried to kill him on November 29, 1984 as he left the Jordanian Embassy in a car with his two children.

The man's gun had apparently jammed and he escaped on foot leaving behind a rented motor scooter which eventually led to his arrest the following day in a train headed for Yugoslavia. Police witnesses said the defendant was a Palestinian connected with the Black September organization.

Mr Mabrouki, who spent 15 months in prison awaiting trial, denied the charges and claimed he had come to Greece as a tourist and borrowed the scooter from an Arab friend.

Two Palestinians and one Libyan are in Greek jails awaiting trial on terrorism-related charges.

# French hostage crisis Negotiator finds himself back on road to Damascus

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Hostage negotiators traditionally have a long travail in Lebanon and Dr Raza Raad's odyssey around Lebanon and Syria these past four days has been no different. After having originally planned to fly home to Paris from Beirut yesterday, he was back on the road to Damascus in the afternoon to seek further Syrian help in his efforts to free a four-man French television crew, two French diplomats and a journalist being held hostage in Beirut.

Apparently still without proof that the Islamic Jihad kidnappers have killed M Michel Seurat, the French researcher whom they claimed to have murdered last week, Dr Raad has not even revealed whether the four television employees will be freed soon. He said only that he had made "tangible progress" in his talks with leading Shia Muslims in Beirut.

President Saddam Hussein's pardon for the two Iraqi opponents of his regime whose deportation from Paris provoked Islamic Jihad's claim to have killed M Seurat has not, therefore, had any immediate effect on Dr Raad's negotiations. He was quoted in the Beirut newspaper *an-Nahar* as saying that a deal was "in the works" and that "consultations now focus on formalities, which are no less important than the substance".

Indeed they are. It is almost certain that Dr Raad will have to pay some public tribute to Syria for its help in the negotiations — such courtesies

are imperative if negotiators here are to achieve success — but this still does not explain his sudden departure for Damascus yesterday. Dr Raad is a Gaullist candidate in the French elections and had booked an economy seat on yesterday's Middle East Airlines flight to Paris.

But the negotiator is now talking of staying three more days in Syria before flying to Paris and then returning to Lebanon. Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, found himself flying the same kind of distances last year, with no immediate success, when trying to secure the release of four American hostages imprisoned by Islamic Jihad in Beirut.

PARIS: Anxious not to raise false hopes about a possible release of the French hostages, the French Government is adopting an attitude of extreme caution in the wake of the pardon granted by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to the two pro-Iranian opponents of the Baghdad regime (Dianna Geddes writes).

While there is enormous relief that the kidnappers' most pressing demand has been met, government sources say the return to France of the two Iraqis, who were expelled last month, was a necessary condition for the release of the French hostages but was not necessarily a sufficient condition.

They say the pro-Iranian kidnappers have in the past also demanded the repayment to Iraq of a \$1 billion loan made by the Shah.

## COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

"I don't think the Soviet Union wants an agreement", Mr Richard Perle, the American Assistant Secretary of Defence, told me bluntly in Washington a few days ago. Other members of the Administration did not put it in quite such stark terms, which was hardly surprising as Mr Perle is regarded as probably the principal hardliner in the State Department. But there is no longer any serious expectation in Washington that a significant arms control agreement could be put together in time for a second Reagan-Gorbachev summit later in the year. The differences between the Western and Soviet positions are too substantial.

Of the three subject areas under discussion in the Geneva negotiations — space weapons, strategic arms and intermediate range nuclear forces (INF) — it is the last which is still considered to offer the best prospect. But there is no indication that the process of negotiating the gap has even begun since Mr Gorbachev's proposals of January 15 for an interim agreement in this field.

Mr Perle is not alone in the administration in believing that these proposals represent a hardening of the Soviet position on the British and French deterrents.

### Wiser to wait for Moscow's signals

It may seem conciliatory to suggest that they may be kept for the meantime. But Mr Gorbachev is making this offer only on condition that they are not modernized. To insist on the deterrents becoming obsolescent is in fact to insist on their destruction. Mr Perle regards this as a sign that the Soviets are simply not interested in an arms settlement. Others, it seems to me more wisely, wait to see what signals come from Moscow now that the Communist Party Congress is over. But nobody in the administration seems to believe in the likelihood of swift progress at Geneva.

This does not, however, rule out another summit this year. What it means is that a second meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev would again be essentially atmospheric. The Soviet leader's visit to the United States would become a tourist spectacle. The "fireside summit" would be succeeded by "Gorbachev in Disneyland". This would not worry the Americans. They are accustomed to atmospheric politics, believing that in public life appearances have a reality of their own. It is an art form at which Mr Reagan excels, and for once the US could not be accused by its allies of blocking the path to peace.

### Europe takes a tougher line

It is America's Asian allies, not the United States, who have insisted that if medium range missiles are to be eliminated in Europe so must they be in Asia by the end of 1989. It is the European allies not the United States who have developed reservations about the wisdom of removing all the Euro-missiles.

There are conflicting views within the Reagan Administration about these European second thoughts, and the United States has decided to stick to the zero-zero proposal for getting rid of all the missiles East and West. I believe, though, that there is some force in the European reservations and that it is no bad thing for European governments to be taking a tougher line than the US for once. It makes it easier for such issues to be considered on their merits within the Alliance.

But on both sides of the Atlantic, arms control no longer seems to be regarded as such an absolute priority. More attention is being paid to the overall relationship with the Soviet Union. There is now the chance, I was told, of putting this at last on a steady and realistic basis.

If this could really be done, it would be better than any arms settlement that is ever likely to be signed. It is the sudden lurches from vituperation to euphoria and back again that have done more than anything else to undermine European confidence in the American attitude to the Soviet Union.

An arms agreement is a means to an end rather than an end in itself. Without a proper measure of clear-sighted understanding between the superpowers it will be hard to negotiate a sensible settlement, and infinitely harder to make one stick.

# Shooting denounced by lawyer

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A Johannesburg lawyer, Mr Laurence Tonkin, declared yesterday that there was no apparent justification for a police decision to open fire on a crowd of black schoolchildren last Tuesday outside the Kabokweni magistrate's court, near White River, in the eastern Transvaal.

Mr Tonkin witnessed the incident in which at least one pupil was killed and many were wounded. He said the crowd was "very angry" but not uncontrollable. Contrary to police claims, he heard no police order to disperse nor anything "to justify the view that the shooting was the last resort available".

A police captain asked to speak to the leaders of the crowd, Mr Tonkin said he persuaded six people to come forward, and had gone with them to find the captain when the shooting started. "I was at that stage near the police and I covered, clutching to myself two of the leaders. I was aware of children scrambling away from the police. After the shooting, the area was littered with groaning pupils."

"I was deeply shocked by what had happened and I burst into tears."

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, yesterday ordered the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, to investigate. In Alexandra, the black ghetto in northern Johannesburg, a black policeman was shot dead on Wednesday by white police, according to a member of the township's community council, Mr L. C. Koza.

# Rebel troops rounded up by Museveni

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Army and police in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, have begun to round up fugitive soldiers of the military council ousted by President Yoweri Museveni's National Resistance Army. Uganda radio has broadcast orders for any of the troops still at liberty to report immediately to army headquarters. Road blocks have been set up around Kampala to check for fugitive soldiers, but civilians are not being harassed. There has been increasing concern about security in the Kampala area recently and authorities believe many weapons may be in the hands of potential criminals.

# British snub for Kabul

Britain is to return, unanswered, the diplomatic note from Afghanistan protesting at this week's reception by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, for the Afghan rebel commander, Mr Abdul Haq (Our Political Staff writes).

Britain has had no dealings with the regime of President Babrak Karmal since the Soviet invasion.

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# Sri Lanka stops bombing rebel camps

From Michael Hamlyn  
Colombo

The Sri Lankan Government yesterday unilaterally stopped the aerial bombing of rebel hideouts in the Northern Province.

The move has been seen as reaction to recent criticism that it was not serious about seeking a peaceful political solution to the ethnic crisis in the island.

Making the announcement, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister for National Security, said that in return the government expected the rebels to stop moving men and materials across the Palk Strait from India.

A Sri Lankan official said: "If the cessation takes place, the bombing halt will continue for another week and soon the aim will be to generate a full ceasefire after one month. And then we shall be prepared to talk to any individual or group about a political solution."

An official government statement yesterday emphasized the point by reiterating "its firm and unqualified commitment to a political resolution of the current ethnic problem in Sri Lanka".

The statement said the government believed that such a resolution "must rest upon reconciling and fulfilling the aspirations as well as removing the fears and concerns of all sections of our people."

It also declared that the government "appreciates the



Tamil guerrilla fighters display AK-47 rifles while returning to their camp near Jaffna after a battle with government troops. They have been called upon to stop moving materials from India in response to Sri Lanka's bombing halt.

continuing good offices of the Government of India".

The indirect negotiations of Mr Romesh Bhandari, the senior civil servant in the Indian Foreign Ministry, between the Sri Lankan Government and the militant groups seeking to enforce a separate Tamil state in the north and east of the island, ground to a halt last month when the Sri Lankans replied to proposals from the Tamils. It is expected that developments since then will enable Mr Bhandari to

restart negotiations.

The Sri Lankan announcement was made against a background of escalating diplomatic ill-feeling with India over the halting of the Bhandari mission. The barrage of criticism included some bitter remarks from Mr B.R. Bhagat, the Indian Foreign Minister, in parliament and culminated in a statement from Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, virtually washing his hands of the Sri Lankans.

In an interview with a Calcutta daily newspaper, Mr Gandhi said: "Now we don't want them to talk to us. We want them to talk (directly) with the Tamils". Mr Gandhi expressed his disappointment with what had been achieved in the talks so far by saying that moves by the Sri Lankan Government "come too late, are too small, and more needs to be done". The Sri Lankans are now offering to resettle refugees in certain mixed areas of the

country in answer to an issue frequently raised by India. The first settlement will take place around Vavuniya, under the auspices of the local government agent. Mr Athulathmudali said: "The people there have lived together for five or six hundred years or longer and... often think of themselves not simply as Tamils or Sinhalese but as Vavuniyans". If the first resettlement is successful, the experiment will be repeated in other areas.

## Sydney may get harbour tunnel

Sydney (Reuter) - Mr Neville Wran, the Premier of New South Wales yesterday announced a feasibility study into a plan to build a four-lane 1.3-mile tunnel under Sydney Harbour.

Mr Wran said the \$A350 million (about £160 million) plan called for the tunnel to be built by the early 1990s.

It would be built in steel sections in a trench beside the 50-year-old Harbour Bridge and would run from Lavender Bay, in the north, to the Rocks.

It would use existing access roads and not affect any buildings. In 1982, four plans for another harbour crossing to complement the bridge were abandoned because they were environmentally unacceptable.

Mr Wran said the latest plan was mapped out by a consortium of the Australian Transfield Engineering Company and the Japanese Kumagai Gumi construction firm, with Westpac Banking Corporation organizing the finance.

Mr Laurie Brereton, the state Minister for Public Works, Ports and Roads, said the bridge toll would more than double next year and by 1989 would be five times the present amount.

## Britons at risk as riot hostages in Thai jail 'war'

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Some 100 Western prisoners, including 11 Britons, are in the frontline of the "war" in Thailand's jails, which have been the scene of three violent rebellions in the past seven months. Thai prisoners have warned them that they will be "hijacked" and used as hostages in the next prison riot.

The warnings are being taken seriously because of heavy loss of life in the recent riots. Officially 30 prisoners and three warders were killed, but well-informed prison visitors say the death toll was much higher.

Several Western embassies have told the Thai Government that they are worried about the safety of their nationals. Although officials brush aside these fears, they have made changes inside the Bang Kwang maximum security prison just outside Bangkok. The Western prisoners have been segregated in one section for greater safety in an emergency.

Those Westerners who refused to join last year's riots at Bang Kwang and helped extinguish fires started by the rioters are most at risk.

For the first time warders at the prison are receiving riot control training and specially-

trained dogs have been brought in to back them up. Bang Kwang is regarded as one of the most brutal jails in Asia. Men there have been convicted of the most serious crimes and about 300 are under sentence of death.

Only one Briton, John Sinclair Western, aged 31, is imprisoned at Bang Kwang. He has served almost six years of a 33-year sentence for attempted heroin trafficking. The other Britons are at a jail for shorter-term prisoners.

Overcrowding is a serious problem in all Thai jails. A Thai criminologist said: "The living space for one inmate is equal to that needed to lie on one's side." Another factor in the current unrest is the lack of a clearly defined and comprehensive parole system.

Several countries, including the United States, have signed treaties with Thailand permitting the repatriation of long-term prisoners to serve the bulk of their sentences in their own countries, but the Thai Parliament has not yet ratified the treaties.

Britain has had preliminary discussions about a treaty but British officials have indicated that they do not regard its completion as an urgent matter.

### Troubles pile up for Bolivia

## Austerity erodes unions' power

From John Enders, La Paz

Two days of peaceful protest have ended in Bolivia and it has become increasingly clear that the country's traditionally powerful trade union organisations will have to do much more if they intend to force changes in President Paz Estenssoro's tough austerity programme.

Workers, students, teachers and housewives marched through La Paz - 20,000 on Tuesday and about half that on Wednesday - to protest against budget cuts, the freeze in public sector wages and the resulting recession which has hit since Dr Paz Estenssoro came to power last autumn.

The once all-powerful Central Obrero Boliviano (Bolivian Workers' Central), the national labour confederation, called the nationwide day of protest to show opposition to low salaries, high prices and the Government's programme in general.

That programme was designed to cut the hyper-inflationary spiral during which inflation totalled more than 8,000 per cent last year and reached an annual rate of

about 24,000 per cent last summer.

The confederation, however, refrained from calling publicly for a general strike, since its leaders are now aware that their following is not what it once was. Public sector workers are forbidden from staying away to take part in such actions, and wages in the private sector are not as low as in state enterprises.

There was a minor confrontation in La Paz on Wednesday with some tear gas fired by police, but even in mining regions the protest was reportedly peaceful.

The Government says it will keep public sector wages frozen at 30 million pesos a month (£10.9 million) until the end of May. The country is desperately negotiating a \$50 million (£34 million) standby credit and a \$100 million compensatory credit facility with the International Monetary Fund.

The Planning Minister, Señor Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, has said Bolivia needs about \$300 million in foreign aid this year to keep the austerity plan on track and reactivate the economy.

## Titicaca floods leave 300,000 homeless

From Our Correspondent, La Paz

Some 300,000 people have been left homeless as Lake Titicaca continues to overflow in what may be the worst flooding for 100 years.

Almost miraculously, there have been no reports of deaths due to the floods in Bolivia and Peru.

This year's wet season has come with a vengeance and, since December, the almost daily heavy rainfalls have caused the waters of the lake high in the Andes to rise 7ft above their normal level.

Half the homeless are on the Bolivian side of the lake,

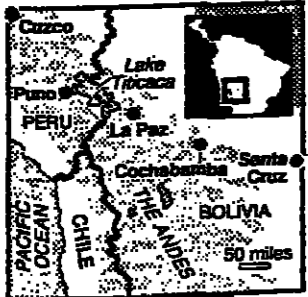
where losses are estimated at about £47 million, according to Señor Luis Fernando Valle, the Defence Minister. Titicaca measures about 5,000 square miles and is the highest navigable lake in the world.

The second and third largest cities in Bolivia, Santa Cruz and Cochabamba, as well as tens of thousands of acres of grazing and farmland in the central and northern parts of the country, are threatened by the flood waters. In Peru, the port city of Puno is heavily inundated.

The intensity of the recent rains has caused highways and rail lines to be cut. In the city of La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia, about 50 homes have been destroyed by mudslides in the last fortnight.

On Wednesday, the Bolivian military was mobilized to help the homeless.

According to technical experts, it will take up to two or three years for the waters to recede to their traditional level.



## Guatemala air crash blamed on crew error

Guatemala City (AP) - Bad weather and human error were responsible for the January 18 crash of a twin-engine jet that killed 95 people in a jungle in northern Guatemala, investigators reported.

The Caravelle jet of the private Aerovias of Guatemala airline was carrying 89 tourists, including two Britons, and six crew when it crashed into a hill near Santa Elena, 298 miles north of Guatemala City.

Investigators blamed the crash on light fog, the decision to make an instrument landing, the possible misreading of the altimeter, and the crew's scant experience in flying the Caravelle.

The report said the black box, or flight recorder, was useless because the tape had been inserted incorrectly. The last conversation recorded was from a flight to Ecuador.

## Women killed in Sabah fire bomb attack

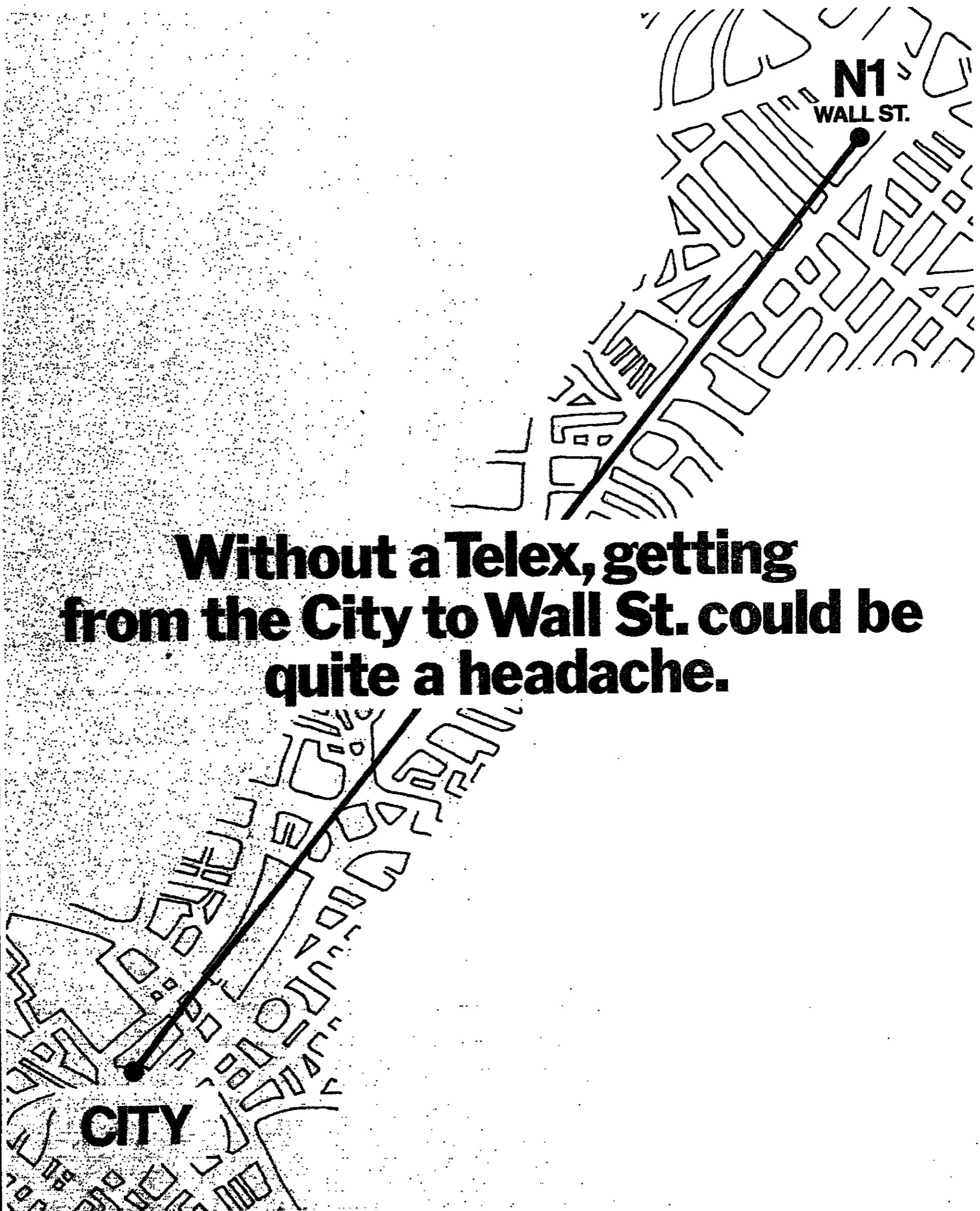
Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia (Reuter) - A Chinese woman aged 70 and her Indonesian servant have been burnt to death in a petrol bomb attack on their shop-house in Tawau, eastern Sabah, during Christian-Muslim tension.

The attack came as another bomb exploded yesterday in the capital of the east Malaysian state, where bombs injured four people on Wednesday.

Eighteen two-storey shop-houses were destroyed as fire spread in Tawau, though the bomb in Kota Kinabalu caused little damage.

Hundreds of Muslims abused passers-by after eight red crosses were painted on the walls of the State Mosque. Police blocked plans to march on the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Church, but a statue of Jesus on the facade was stoned.

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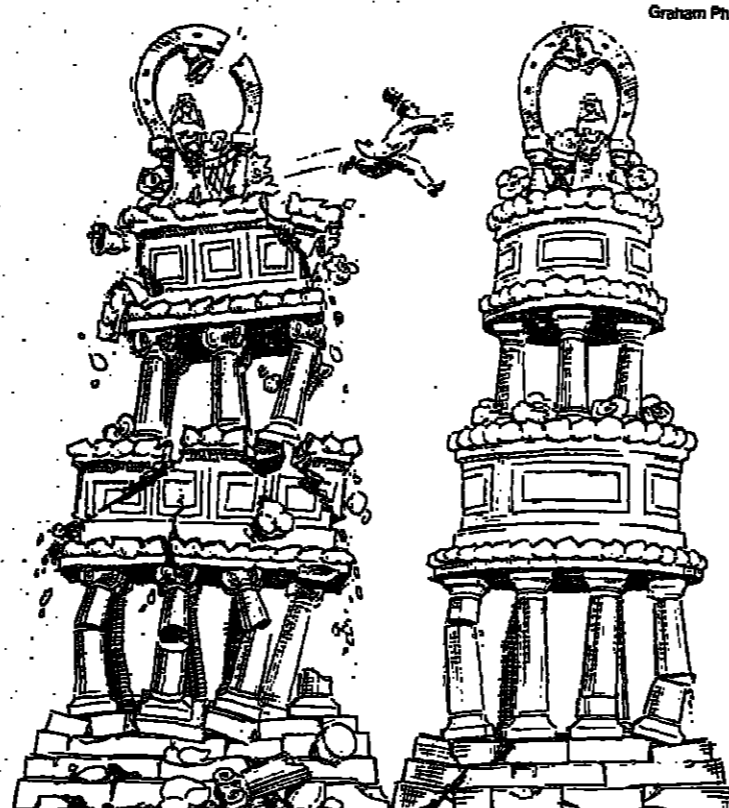
FRIDAY PAGE

Love's labours twice lost

Second marriages are embarked upon more cautiously than first, but as Lee Rodwell reports, their chances of failure are higher

Samuel Johnson observed that a second marriage was a triumph of hope over experience. Today's statistics give a measure of the frailty of that hope. According to a report from the Family Policy Studies Centre...

breakdown of the marriage that they may be unable to leave the second marriage in peace. There may be constant phone calls, reminders of the past, pressures brought to bear on subjects like money or children.



there - but it wasn't the right reason to marry. It took me three years to realize it. He walked out in the end, but it was probably as much my fault as his.

For women the prospects are bleaker. A divorced woman who remarries is twice as likely to see her new marriage end in divorce as a single woman marrying at the same age.

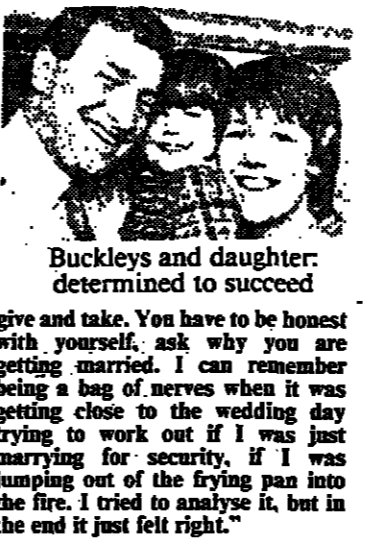
Zelda West-Meads of the National Marriage Guidance Council points out that many couples with children are too optimistic about creating an instant family through remarriage.

went. I was completely devastated. The first divorce simply came down to goods and chattels, but the second time I felt I was a failure.

the same type of men - rather selfish and stubborn - although I didn't realize that at first. "I married when I was 19 and stayed married for 11 years.

ONE COUPLE'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Sarah and Clive Buckley, from Abingdon in Oxfordshire, are determined to make their second marriage work. Sarah first married when she was 23, Clive when he was 25.



Clive says: "If something goes wrong with a first marriage there is a danger of having emotional and psychological scars which you find difficult to leave behind when you go on to another marriage.

Table with 3 columns: Age at marriage, % ending in divorce men, % ending in divorce women. Rows for age groups 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39.

A secret craving for the cradle

Midnight feasts are the stuff of girls' school stories. A report, however, in a recent issue of the British Medical Journal describes a man in his late 30s who impulsively raided the fridge about four times every night...

MEDICAL BRIEFING

at the University of Surrey, say that these normal changes may be misdiagnosed as the more serious 'irritable bowel syndrome' - when a person is hit by irregular and uncomfortable bowel movements.

more freedom to move around, they spent less time in hospital in labour, they were less likely to be sutured after the birth and they felt more positively towards their babies.

Soldiering on

Selecting soldiers to withstand the pressures of warfare has never been underestimated by the British Army. Now, the Ministry of Defence has given Professor Paul Kline of the Department of Psychology at Exeter University a grant to investigate the performance of soldiers suffering from lack of sleep.

The biggest danger, according to paediatrician Dr John Beattie, now at Sterling Royal Infirmary, was to toddlers who fell foul of their own curiosity and drank alcohol which should have been kept out of their reach.

Sounds successful

Test tube fertilization specialists believe that a new method of collecting eggs using ultrasound can greatly improve the ease and success of the procedure. But the technique is as yet only available at a few centres.

Natural cycle

Diet is not the only factor which affects constipation. Your bowel habits depend on your sex and for women, the stage in the menstrual cycle.

Homely births A study conducted at the Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London has shown that women may be better off having their babies in a low technology 'birth room' rather than in a high technology labour ward.

The tipsy tots

The dangers to children of pills left out of the medicine cabinet or bleach left under the sink are well known, but it is easy to overlook another common household toxin - alcoholic drink.

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April HOMES & GARDENS MAGAZINE out now. Other distinctive features include: Collecting antique occasional tables... how to achieve the tasteful look of colours faded by time...

THE TIMES DIARY

Body snatch foiled

The newly knighted maverick of the Tory Party, Sir Richard Body, conspired spectacularly with members of the Labour Party yesterday to foil a Conservative plot...

Jo goes

As toilers on Robert Maxwell's Daily Record in Glasgow receive their redundancy notices, news reaches me that the Daily Mirror's number three, Jo Foley, has quit...

Upstaged

Who says Andrew Lloyd Webber is only interested in seeing his name in lights? At the first night of Café Puccini by Robin Ray...

Barry Fantoni



'Dirty, rundown, uneconomic' - it seems we're just ripe for a takeover'

Extra

Fiona Halton, head of British Film Year, will not be knocking back with the other cinema gentry at Sunday's Baffa film awards ceremony...

Brittan beat

After Red Wedge comes an even worse political intrusion on to the disco floor. A group called TDA has already sold 6,000 copies of a record featuring impressions of Leon Brittan being grilled on TV...

Roundabout

To Neil Kinnock's private distress, the election of the moderate Glynis Thornton to the chairmanship of the Greater London Labour Party is proving a hollow victory...

PHS

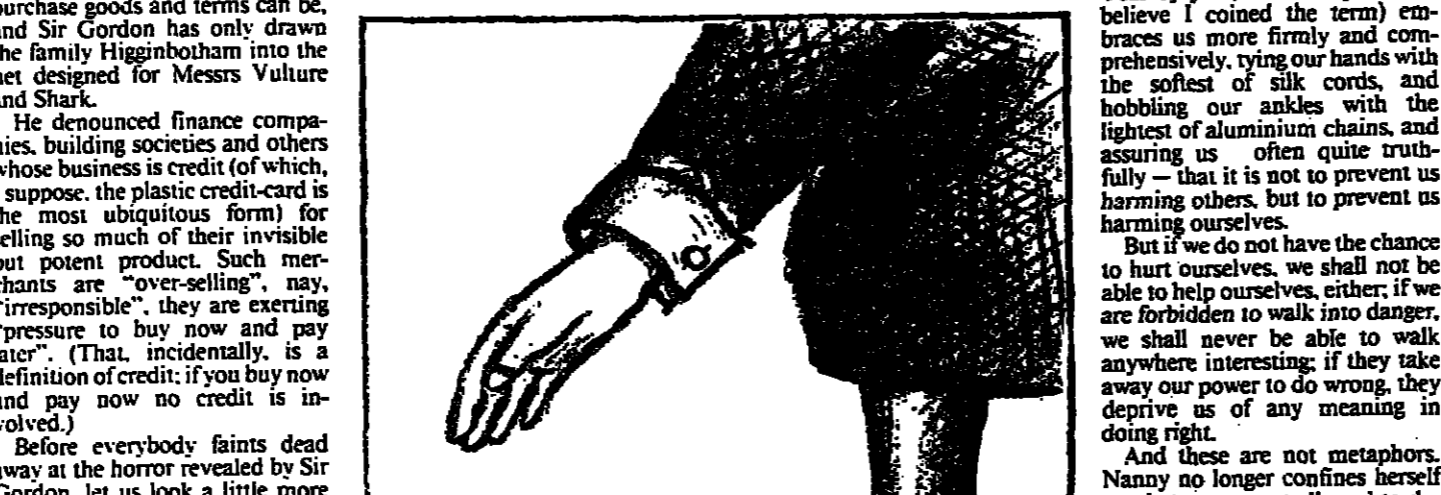
Maralinga: looking for a deal

Stephen Taylor reports on the tussle ahead over Australia's big radioactive clean-up

Canberra Anglo-Australian relations have recovered from the strains caused by the royal commission report into British nuclear tests in Australia since it was tabled in Parliament here four months ago...

Bernard Levin

Nanny cannot save us all from our folly



serve you right; in a democracy we do not prevent sane adults from making their own choices, even though we know that some of them will make choices that turn out very badly for them...

What have both Sir Gordon Borrie and the Scottish Law Commission forgotten? It comes back to that word I have lately been using more and more: responsibility. There is no recorded instance of credit being forced upon an unwilling debtor...

How hollow is Halley's heaven?

The Flat Earth Society has been very quiet about Halley's Comet. It's not like them. Usually they reply to my letters and send me copies of their newsletter, Flat Earth News...

David Watt Making peace a poll issue

I was talking the other evening to a prominent Opposition MP about disarmament and the present state of East-West relations. My thesis was that these were balanced on a knife-edge and could easily slip back into an unprofitable deadlock...

Moreover the British are not the only practical politicians who are interested in this issue. As they jockey for position in advance of a possible election this summer, the Japanese parties are playing with Japan's alleged vulnerability to the Soviet SS-20 missiles...

moreover... Miles Kington

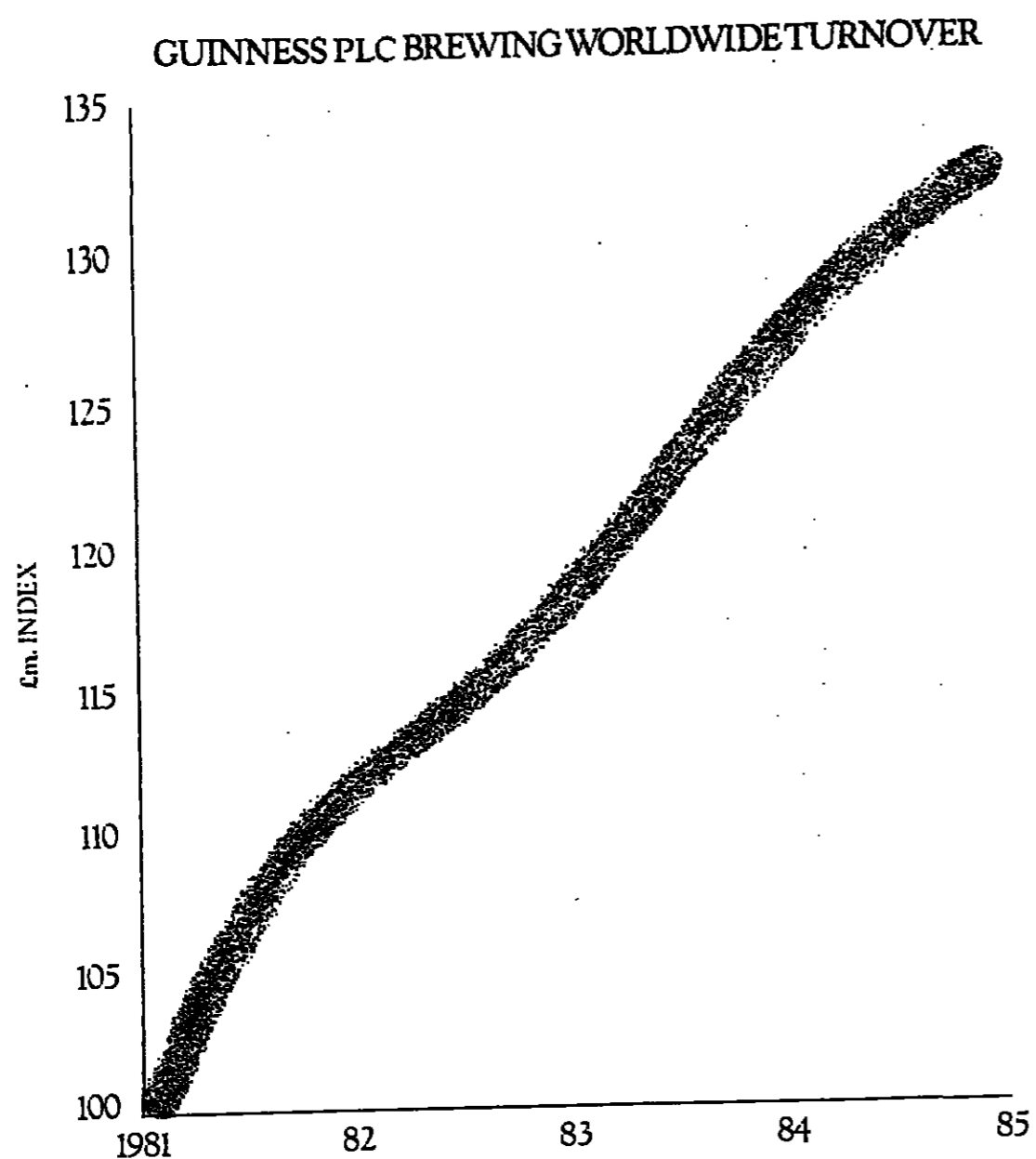
The day I spent with GBS

Nostalgia strikes in peculiar ways. One of the times I look back to with most pleasure is the four years I spent locked in a small room at Broadcasting House 1. I wasn't there all the time, just long enough to pick out material from the radio archives to produce a 15-minute programme every three weeks...

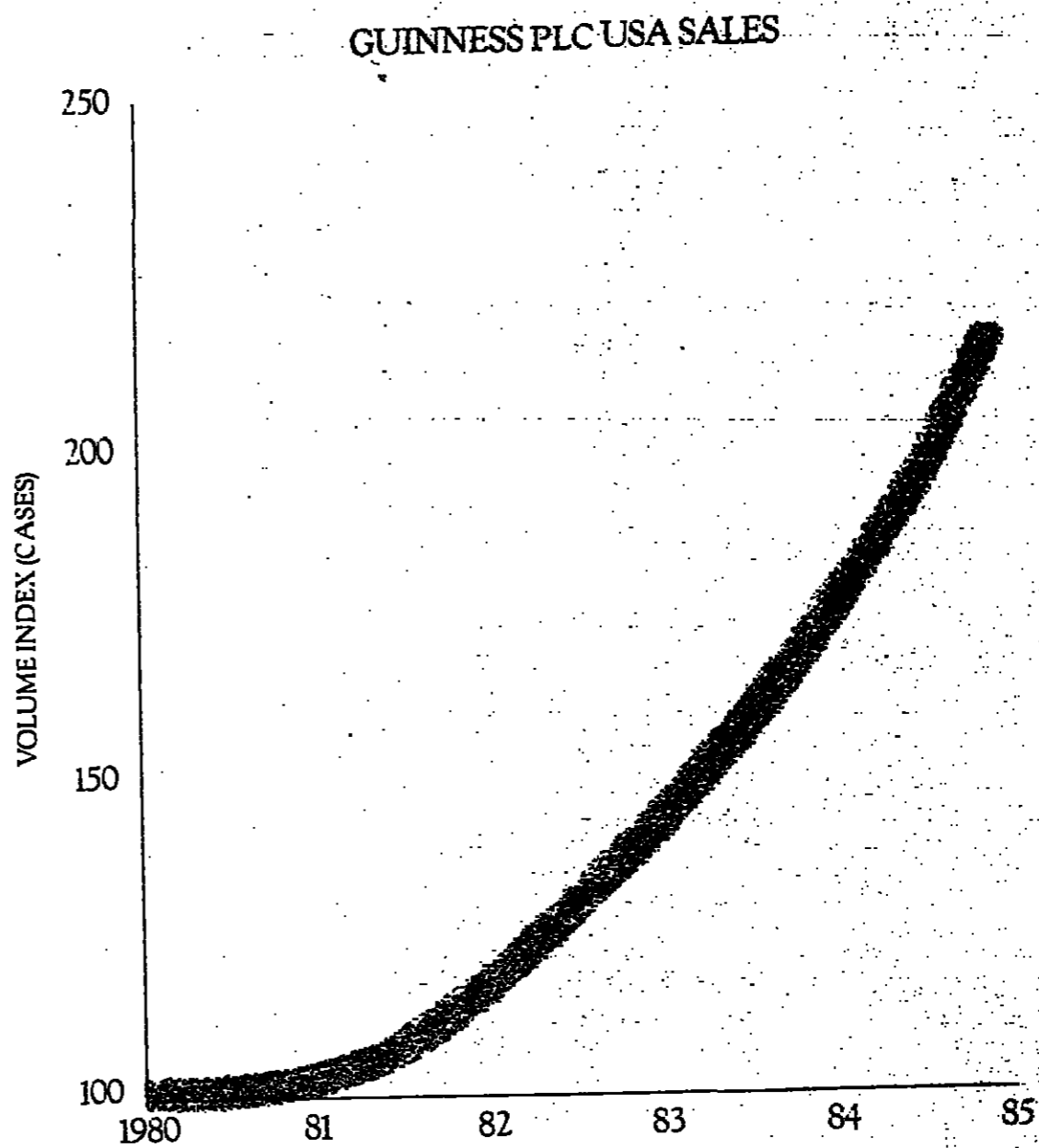




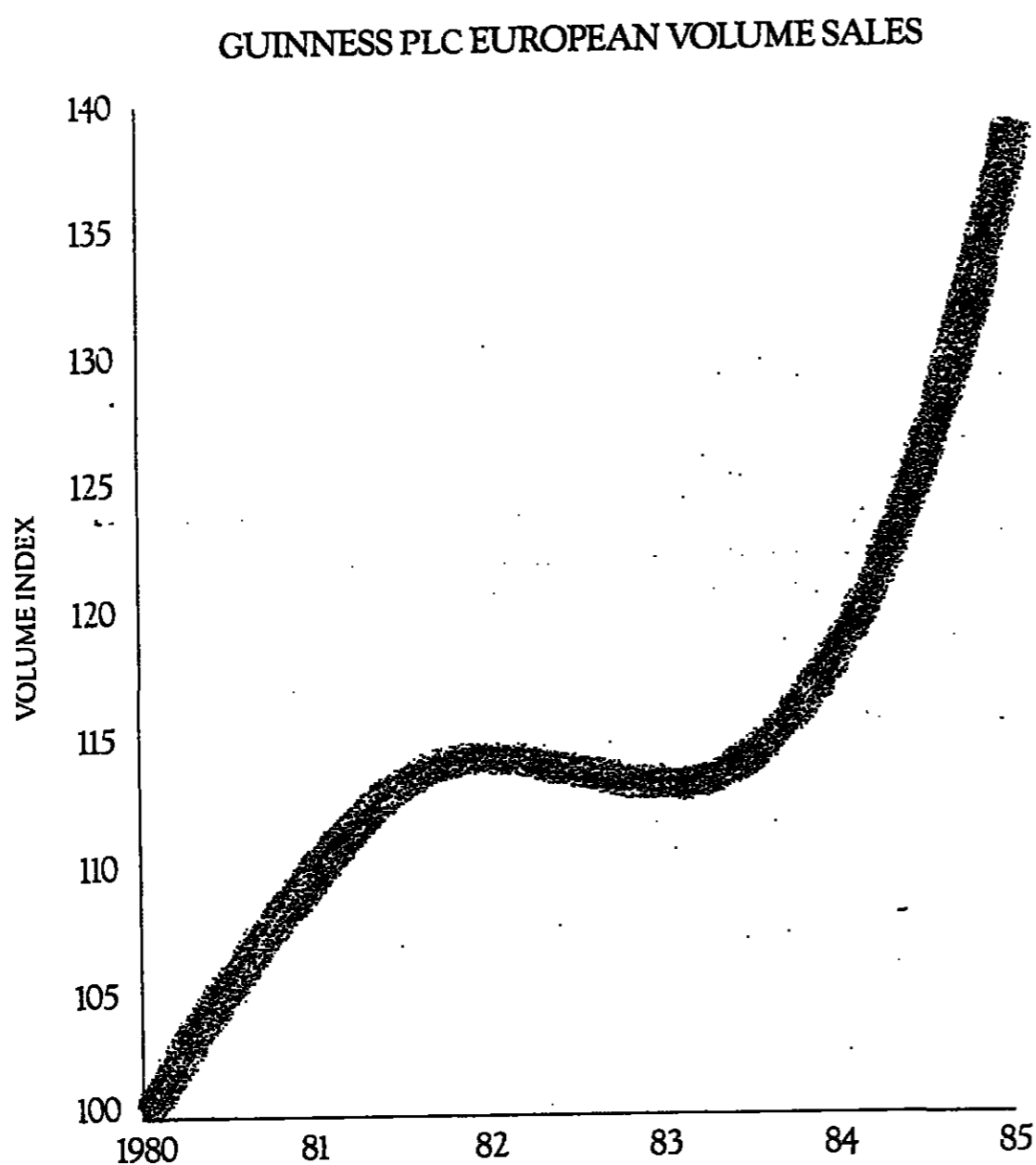




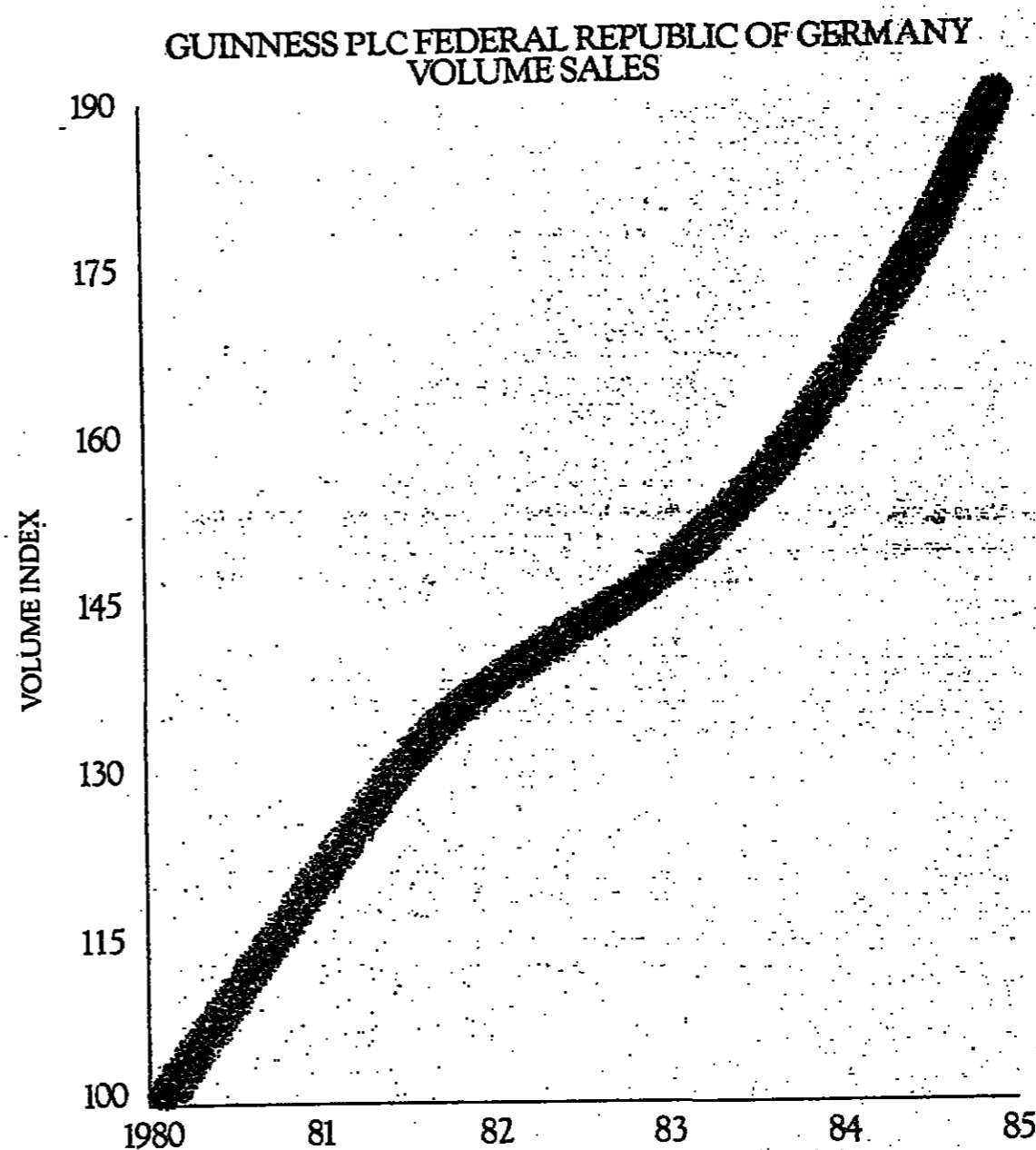
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**THE POUND**  
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 Trade-weighted 74.8 (-0.6)

Profit rise at Collins

William Collins increased its pretax profits to £13.1 million in the year to December 29 from £11.75 million in 1984. The company's British publishing divisions performed well and Glasgow operations made further progress. The final dividend is 5.375p, making 7.75p (6.5p).

Rowntree up

Rowntree Mackintosh made pretax profits last year of £79.3 million against £74.5 million. The dividend was raised 11 per cent to 12.2p. *Tempus, page 19*

Tax issue

The Chancellor's decisions on income tax in the Budget risk becoming submerged in the wider issue of longer-term tax reform. *Page 20*

Video return

Anstrud Consumer Electronics is returning to the video cassette recorder market with an infra-red remote control VCR at £299. The average VCR shop price is about £400.

News chief

Mr Ian Hay Davison, former chief executive of Lloyd's insurance market, is to become a non-executive director of Newspaper Publishing, which is launching the new daily newspaper, *The Independent*, in October. Also joining as a non-executive director is Mr George Duncan, chairman of Lloyd's Bowmaker Finance.

Victoria buy

The Allied-Lyons subsidiary, Victoria Wine Company, is paying £23.5 million cash to buy the properties and assets of the D and A Haddow office division from Stakis.

Pay subsidy

The Nissan Motor Company of Japan will cut the pay of 49 executives by 10 per cent to cope with losses caused by the yen's sharp rise against the dollar.

Leeds launch

The Leeds Permanent Building Society has launched a £200 million Eurosterling floating rate issue at par under the lead management of Baring Brothers. The interest rate for the first interest period from April 14 to June 16, has been pre-fixed at 12 1/16 per cent.

Shares deal

An unconditional offer by Morgan Nicholls to acquire Norton Villiers Triumph has been accepted for 76.7 per cent of shares and will be kept open until April 5.

Campari offer

A formal document has been sent to shareholders containing the offer on behalf of Mr A Nordin to acquire at 49p per share in cash the shares of Campari International not owned by him or his family trust.

Correction

John Karlslake works on the options desk at Sheppards and Chase, the stockbrokers, and not Phillips & Drew as was stated in yesterday's *Times*.

BT turns in record profit but growth in calls slows

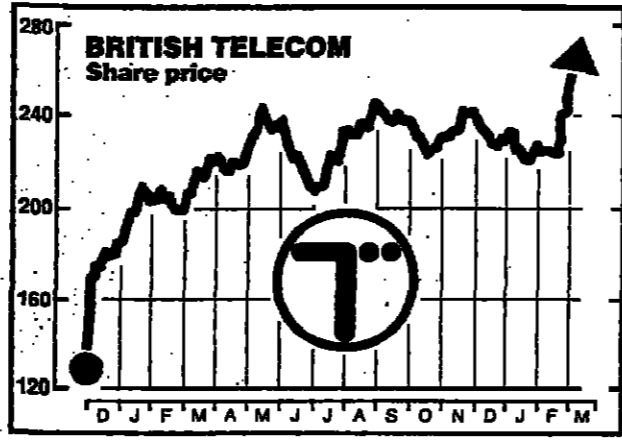
By Teresa Poole

British Telecom yesterday announced record pretax profits of £1,333 million for the nine months to December but said that the growth in telephone calls had fallen below internal budgets.

The results, an increase from £1,070 million, failed to impress the market and the shares closed 14p down on the day at 218p. Third quarter pretax profits moved ahead from £386 million to £448 million.

The growth in the volume of inland calls during the third quarter was just 6 per cent, compared with a very strong quarter last year when the company was benefiting from publicity surrounding privatisation.

This is the third consecutive fall in growth rate and is down from 8 per cent in the first quarter. International call volume moved ahead by 10 per cent, compared with 12 per cent for the nine month period as a whole. Telecom blamed the falling oil price for a reduction in telecommunications traffic



from oil-producing and refining nations, particularly the Middle East and Singapore. The finance director, Mr Doug Perryman, said that with telephone income running lower than expected, the level of expenditure had also been cut back but would be close to £2 billion for the full year.

Expenditure in the nine months on digital exchange equipment was £259 million out of total capital expenditure of £1,373 million, up from £1,362 million. But by the end of this financial year the number of lines connected to local digital System X exchanges will be "nowhere near" the 1.8 million forecast a year ago.

Telecom's 1.6 million shareholders must pay the final 40p instalment on their shares by April 9. The share price will be quoted on a fully paid basis from April 1 and shareholders who want to sell

without making the payment have until March 27.

If allowance is made for the changed capital structure of the company which took effect in August 1984, profits for the nine-month period were 20 per cent higher at £6,160 million.

Total operating costs increased by 9 per cent to £4,624 million, including a 5.8 per cent increase in the salaries bill. In the drive to increase efficiency, 2,000 jobs were lost in the third quarter, making 3,000 since the beginning of the financial year.

About £74 million of the third quarter's £2,111 million revenue came from the last two price rises and in the light of the company's record results, the Telecom Users Association yesterday called for prices to be reduced.

Mr Perryman denied that increased charges accounted for the fall in volume growth and pointed to a 3.7 per cent increase in the number of customer telephone lines over the past year to just over 21 million.

Jaguar 40% US-owned

By Cliff Feltham

Forty per cent of Jaguar shares are now held in the United States, spread among 6,000 investors, none of whom have more than 5 per cent, Mr John Egan, chairman of Jaguar, said yesterday.

But he pointed out that there was no evidence to support suggestions that General Motors had built up a 15 per cent stake in the company. Mr Egan, commenting on reports that the GM had been acquiring shares in Jaguar through nominees, said: "It would be most discourteous for them to have done so. They are a fine company, and I would not expect them to operate in the dark."

Jaguar is bid-proof until the Government's controlling "golden share" expires in 1990, but Mr Egan said that in the meantime he could not

ensure the ownership pattern of the former BL company.

"If in London we are seen as a Midlands metal basher on a price earnings of eight and in the United States as a luxury car maker with a PE of 12 then shares will transfer from one market to the other."

The Jaguar profits for 1985 of £121 million, up 33 per cent, announced yesterday, were a shade below some stock market expectations but the shares still rose 15p to 470p.

Mr Egan said that worldwide sales had increased by 15 per cent to 37,952, with purchases of the XJ-S sports car rising by 28 per cent. Record sales were achieved throughout Europe while in the US, Jaguar's biggest market, sales rose by 10 per cent to 20,130, with demand exceeding sup-

ply and the waiting list beginning to lengthen slightly.

In Britain the steady growth of the past few years continued with sales of more than 8,000, the highest since 1978.

Mr Egan boded on when the long-awaited XJ40 model would be introduced, indicating that it would be later this year or next with most followers betting on an autumn launch.

But he said that the increase of between £10 million and £20 million in costs arising from the launch and build-up of stocks would lead to a "flat year" afterwards.

Jaguar was now on the verge of stepping up production to 1,000 cars a week for the first time.

£3 billion profit for Shell

By David Young

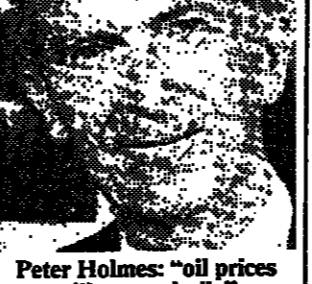
Energy Correspondent

Mr Peter Holmes the chairman of Shell, which yesterday announced profits of £3 billion for last year, said that world oil prices would remain volatile even if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reached a new agreement in Geneva next week.

"Unless Opec comes up with some workable constraints, the downward pressure on prices would be expected to continue," he said.

Despite the ups and downs, "Opec will survive," he added.

Mr Peter Holmes also said that Opec had miscalculated



Peter Holmes: "Oil prices will stay volatile"

when it thought that by driving down oil prices it would force Britain to cooperate in production restraint because many North Sea fields would become unprofitable at present prices of around \$14 a barrel.

Shell is reviewing its North Sea exploration programme but no projects have been shelved.

Mr Holmes said that Opec attempts to involve non-Opec oil producers such as Britain and Norway in production restraint had failed.

The Shell chairman added that he did not expect any agreement between Opec and non-Opec oil producers to restrain output.

Shell's profits of £3,032 million against £3,648 million in 1984 are in line with City expectations. The figures reveal that the company wrote off £100 million at the end of the year in the value of oil stocks held, and £350 million for restructuring of refining operations in France and in Curacao.

It also lost £296 million on foreign exchange operations because of the fall in the value of the dollar. *Tempus, page 19*

£21m buyout bid for Raybeck

By Our City Staff

A group of senior managers at Raybeck, the loss-making manufacturer of Berkertex bridal and women's wear, yesterday launched a true management buyout offer, worth £21.6 million, which - if successful - will lead to the resignation of the board.

More than 10 employees, including five principal managers, are making the offer through a newly-formed unquoted company, Legibus 687, with the financial backing of several financial institutions including Candover Investments, Globe Investment Trust and Electra Investment Trust.

The four main board directors of Raybeck, who speak for 8.9 per cent of the shares, have agreed to leave the company if the buyout is successful, and they are recommending the offer.

This is believed to be the first time a management buyout has been mounted for a quoted company without the participation of the directors.

Raybeck, which formerly owned Bourne & Hollingsworth, the London department store, last year sold its loss-making Lord John, Werff Brothers and Best Sellers retail businesses for £12.25 million. Since the sale the company has traded profitably, but for the year to January 25 is expected to show a loss.

The terms of the offer, which is being carried out through a scheme of arrangement, are 477p in cash for every 10 ordinary shares and 115p for each preference share. The shares yesterday closed 1.5p higher at 45.5p, up from 39p last week before the announcement of an imminent bid.

If the buyout succeeds, the chairman of Legibus will be Mr Trevor Morgan, the former chairman of Timponso and a former director of Next.

Sedgwick up £16.3m

Sedgwick Group has declared a final dividend of 7.75p for the year to December 31, with profits after tax up to £36.1 million from £39.7 million.

Revenue was up to £581.5 million (£456 million), operating profit to £131.6 million (£96 million), and pretax profit to £124.3 million (£96.3 million).

The group has completed the divestment of its remaining Lloyd's managing agency interests which produced an extraordinary income of £7.1 million.

Continued contraction of merchant shipping during the year hit the company's marine businesses and certain activities in Singapore and Hong Kong. In Australia, the progressive transfer of workers' compensation insurance to the public sector has necessitated efforts to develop and extend other areas of interest.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Rank prefers physics to chemistry

If there were any lingering doubts that the Rank Organisation is under new management, they would have been dispelled yesterday. Rank's instant response to the Court ruling that the Independent Broadcasting Authority had acted with its powers in vetoing Rank's bid for Granada Group was two-fold: it would appeal against Mr. Justice Mann's ruling and it would press ahead with its bid. Michael Gifford, Rank's chief executive, and his chairman, Sir Patrick Meaney, are on a high and in a mood to leap rivers.

The IBA had declared on February 25 that it would not permit Rank to vote more than five per cent of Granada's shares. According to Granada's articles of association, only "an approved person" can vote more than five per cent, and the seal of approval has to be given by the IBA. The authority is clearly entitled to determine whether an independent television programme franchise, in this instance the franchise held by Granada Television for the north-west of England, can be sold (Thames to Carlton) or acquired by taking over the parent company. Rank is barking up the wrong legal tree.

But if Rank is determined to buy Granada, even if the prize came without the TV franchise, it is right to continue with its bid. The offer made last month was five Rank for nine Granada shares, with a cash alternative of 275p per Granada share. At last night's close the paper offer was worth 295p and Granada stood at 270p. A determined Granada board might not have too much difficulty in resisting these terms but a significantly higher Rank bid would make Granada shareholders, as well as the Granada board, stop and think. Having to consider the way shareholders might vote is an entirely new experience for the Granada board: before 1984 an undemocratic voting structure gave effective control of the company to the Bernstein family.

Price however, is only one of two major determinants of a successful takeover bid: the other is chemistry. Here Rank may be in danger of falling down - always a risk with gung-ho bidders. The important elements in Granada are Alex Bernstein, son of the last Cecil, his uncle, the admirable, civilised Sidney (Lord Bernstein), and Sir Denis Forman - in particular Alex. He is deeply conscious of the Granada inheritance and acutely aware of Sidney's brooding presence. He has Sidney's stubbornness, but not his flair, and his father's rather shy modesty. His integrity is unquestionable but his powers of leadership are not strong. He has an abiding interest in art and he is obviously rich. Others like him might be tempted to take a boardroom back seat and time to develop other interests. That is not his inclination.

There are two critical factors about Granada Group's performance, past and future. In its three main businesses - television, television rental and motorway services - it grown successfully, through internal endeavour and through acquisition. When it has strayed into other areas, it has cut a poor figure. The second point is that merely by continuing to cultivate the existing businesses, Granada is firmly on course to generating cash flows toward and beyond the £200 million mark within three years. It would therefore make a great deal of sense to meld Granada with a similar group where its resources could be put to good use. That appears to be Alex Bernstein's strategic thinking; but part of his thinking is that he should be the head. The link with Ladbroke seemed a strategic fit, though it too would probably have fallen fall of the IBA. It went no further than first base because Cyril Stein is not a man to hand over the top spot, however promising the synergy might have looked to them both.

Rank might bludgeon its way to victory with cash and paper but it might not be too late for Sir Pat and Mr Gifford to think more about the chemistry.

A tin gong for the LME

The London Metal Exchange was its best this week when with speed and efficiency it brought the extraordinary tin crisis to a conclusion. At times during the four and a half months the affair dragged on the exchange had seemed out of its depth. The courtly arts of lobbying governments and international organisations were largely foreign to the LME and the Byzantine complexities of the International Tin Council were quite impenetrable. But when the TinCo plan finally and abruptly collapsed and the buck was passed to the market to find a solution it was in its element.

No other market in the world could have organised with comparatively so little fuss the exchange in two dismal hours of cheques worth £150 million, all drawn on the resources of members. In one fell swoop the LME settled securely the positions between members and between members and their clients and departed tin trading, possibly for ever. London's status as the major world metal dealing centre was reasserted with such authority that brokers yesterday were already reporting a sharp increase in business.

But the solution has raised new questions. What happens to the ITC? Are there other international bodies ostensibly guaranteed by governments whose debts may be equally insecure? And where does the LME go from here?

Much is now in the hands of the lawyers, for whom it promises to be an unprecedented international bonanza. It will be a very important case or series of cases. The future of the ITC and of analogous bodies could well be determined by the outcome of

cases which will almost certainly take years. The core of the argument is whether sovereign immunity can cover commercial contracts which include, for example, agreement that disputes should be put to arbitration under the rules of the LME.

Many of those who have lost a great deal of money from the default of 22 countries, including Britain, may not wait that long, however. The banks have said that they will make borrowing on the Euromarket difficult for the errant ITC members, and international institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund might look closely these countries' requirements.

Banks are more sanguine about the demonstration effect on international lending generally. The odd legal position of the ITC - answerable mainly in no court at all - is not replicated by loan agreements with, say, Brazil or Nigeria. Besides, these countries decided early on in the debt crisis that it was more prudent in the long run to play the game.

It is the LME which will continue to bear the brunt, despite the resourceful resolution of the debts for 25,000 tonnes of tin between members. Everybody on the exchange expects to see ring dealing seats vacated over the coming months. The departure of Philip & Lion, while not directly caused by the tin crisis, shows how dangerous metal futures trading has become for all save the financially powerful. On Thursday, even as self-congratulation was in the air, the LME admitted for the first time that substantial changes may be needed to satisfy the Securities and Investments Board.

The Ashdown Investment Trust PLC

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Total Revenue	£1,897,173	£1,698,818
Revenue after taxation and expenses	£1,042,528	£ 946,695
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.17p	2.88p
Ordinary dividends for the year net per share	3.10p	2.73p
Net asset value per 25p Ordinary Share	167.2p	153.0p

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 Tokyo Nikkei Dow ... 14,414.66 (+175.53)  
 Hong Kong Hang Seng ... 1,612.67 (+22.28)  
 Sydney Sydney AD ... 1,085.84 (+9.1)  
 Frankfurt Commerzbank ... 2,088.5 (-8.8)

GOLD

London Fixing AM \$349.80 pm \$349.60  
 COMEX \$348.00-348.50 (\$28.75-28.25)  
 New York COMEX \$348.90-349.40

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RSEES: Noble Lund 107p up 7p  
 Mollersware 97p up 12p  
 Aptleyard 135p up 13p  
 WJ Tod 135p up 5p  
 Tynes Tees TV 185p up 12p  
 Jaguar 470p up 15p  
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Shortage of skilled workers poses threat to output

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Industry leaders gave warning today of the consequences of the growing shortage of skilled workers and said that one in seven manufacturing companies believed their production would suffer.

In a survey published jointly by the Confederation of British Industry and the Manpower Services Commission, the worst shortage to emerge is of professional engineers.

But more than a fifth of firms said that further shortages were likely to emerge in the next 12 months, with computer and management services experts hard to find. The survey has been published just five days before the Budget, in which the CBI has been pressing for the emphasis

to be placed on employment measures rather than tax cuts. Eight per cent of firms said labour shortages would restrict their investment plans during the next year, compared with only 6 per cent in a similar survey conducted in December 1984.

Mr Bryan Nicholson, the chairman of the MSC, said too many companies still took the "easy way out and preferred to poach experienced skilled people from other firms rather than train their own."

The survey, covering 1,284 employers, shows that 38 per cent of those reporting shortages of skilled engineers said they expected the situation to worsen. Seventy one per cent said they had been short of

engineers for more than 12 months. Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director general, said: "Industry is alive to the fact that its output is being constrained by shortages of key skills, and is making major efforts to rectify this through improved education and training."

More than £24 million had been put up by more than 200 companies through the Information Technology Skills Agency to help to overcome skill shortages, with the money going to universities, polytechnics and other institutions to increase the output of graduate engineers and technologists.

WALL STREET

New York (AP-DJ) - Share prices closed mixed yesterday in the second busiest session in New York Stock Exchange history.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after jumping 43.10 points on Tuesday, rose another 18 points by midday before giving up all its gains to finish down 0.60 at 1,745.45.

The broader market fared better, however, as the S&P 500 index rose 0.85 to close at a second consecutive record at 232.54.

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Unless the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries can agree a strategy which will reverse the oil price slide, oil company profits will go into reverse with a vengeance next year.

Even the mighty Royal Dutch/Shell group will feel the pain as lower oil and gas prices start to bite.

Oil and gas production makes up more than three-quarters of group earnings and this is where it will hurt, perhaps not as much as for some companies because of the cushion afforded by gas where prices on some contracts will not fall as fast as the oil price.

But with an oil price in sterling terms possibly not more than half its 1985 level, the production figures will make gloomy reading.

As far as Shell is concerned, that is the end of the bad news. The evidence for this is contained in yesterday's statement of its results.

Write-offs of nearly £200 million against downstream profits cannot disguise the fact that this segment has become very profitable indeed because of numbing feedstocks costs. Excluding stock losses and write-offs in both years, it appears that the refining end of the business nearly doubled its profits in 1985 compared with 1984.

In 1986, this segment will continue to do well because consumer price reductions for petrol and home heating oil are lagging behind the fall in oil prices.

There is no evidence of a price war developing at the petrol pump, despite the low spot prices. Unstable prices make for caution among buyers for cut-price pumps. They do not want to be caught holding stock while prices fall further.

Overcapacity in the industry means that it will only be a matter of time before margins are squeezed back to a more realistic level. In the meantime, refiners are grabbing every opportunity to make up for years of losses and inadequate margins endured while the sterling oil price was going up.

Despite a fall in reported net income for 1985 of 17 per cent, the Shell dividend was increased by 6.1 per cent to 35 pence for the year. Shell's dependence on the upstream will make lower profits inevitable next year too.

The group has been criticised in the past for being mean to its shareholders. Now that earnings are beginning a period of decline, the dividend is unlikely to come

under threat as it amounts to only 34 per cent of earnings per share.

Offering a gross yield of 6.6 per cent, it is not the highest yielding stock in the oil patch, but with £4.8 billion of cash and a long-term debt ratio of 18 per cent, it must be the safest.

### British Telecom

British Telecom's share price performance relative to the market suggests that investors may have been re-assessing just how much of a glamour rating the company deserves.

Since the October peak, the price has underperformed the FT-500 by about 12 per cent.

The market gave yesterday's nine months' results to December 1985 a raspberry and the price fell 12 pence to 218 pence. A 16 per cent increase for the latest three months' pretax profits looked positively modest compared with the sort of increases some companies are reporting.

The figures are rather better than they appear to be at first sight. They include a charge of £27 million for a currency loss on dollar denominated debt relating to BT's satellites. If this is excluded, the pretax profit rise is a much more creditable 23 per cent.

The increasing profits come from three main sources. Telephone calls increased by 10 per cent for international calls and 6 per cent for inland calls in the quarter. Cost cutting continues to be a feature and staff cuts in Britain were 2,000 in the quarter. Staff cuts arising from natural wastage are running at an annual rate of 5,000, or 2 per cent of the labour force, and this rate of decline is expected to continue. The quarter also gained from the November 1 price increases.

The market clearly expected the rise in inland calls to be greater - possibly closer to 8 per cent, the increase reported in the first quarter. The company insists that the lower-than-expected rise was due to an abnormally high level of calls in the corresponding quarter of last year.

A steady rate of growth of call traffic looks likely as the younger generation is very telephone conscious, as parents will know to their cost. With cost cutting and price increases to work through to profits, the outlook for the next two years looks positive. BT is no longer a monopoly,

however. On May 1, Mercury will be offering a switched telephone service in competition with BT.

Expanding into new areas of business such as the manufacture of PBX machines (via Mitel) and electronic mail in the US (via the proposed acquisition of the ITT subsidiary Dialcom) is a key plank in BT's strategy to meet the challenge of competition. Nevertheless, some margin erosion looks inevitable.

### Rowntree Mackintosh

The British sweet tooth helped boost Rowntree Mackintosh's sales of KitKat in Britain to a record 5 million eaten each day and its 1985 pretax profits to £79.3 million, a rise of 6.4 per cent.

Performance across the group was uneven, with British trading profits up by 16.5 per cent and North American profits up by 18 per cent. But European profits were down by 27.7 per cent and the rest of the world lower by 22.5 per cent.

The European problems of lack of critical mass are not new and are unlikely to be overcome quickly. There was, however, some improvement in the second half. The export market was also hurt by declining spending power in the oil producing countries. The Middle East takes some 60 per cent of Rowntree's exports.

Britain performed well, despite a marginal loss of market share in the confectionery division, and the United States specialty retail food shops rose above fiercely competitive conditions leaving the worst excesses of the cookie war to the leading packaged biscuit makers.

Steady progress is expected to continue this year. Next month sees the launch of Novo, Rowntree's new chocolate and mezzit-style bar. Other developments could include a sizeable American acquisition and, more speculatively, the purchase of Golden Wonder.

Pretax profits for the current year are expected in the £85 million to £87 million range, a respectable 7 to 10 per cent increase. The shares, which rose 11p to 456p yesterday, have benefited of late from the speculative fallout from the United Biscuits/Imperial bid. They have risen 60p since the start of the year. They should continue to perform at least as well as the market.

COMPANY NEWS

**CEMENT-ROADSTONE HOLDINGS:** Sales for 1985, Irish £529.77 million (Irish £476.25 million). Pretax profit reached a record £27.55 million (£20.06 million). Earnings per share 9.33p (8.11p).

**BEJAM GROUP:** Interim dividend 2p (1.75p) for the half-year to Dec. 28, 1985, payable on May 2. Turnover £186.39 million (£172.46 million). Pretax profit £9.12 million (£9.36 million). An investment gain of about £4.25 million, less tax, will be dealt with in the full-year's results.

**HAMPDEN HOMECARE:** Results for 1985, compared with the previous year. Final dividend of 5p. Turnover £13.63 million (£12.9 million). Profit before tax £737,000 (£460,000).

**LAWTEX:** Interim dividend 1p (0.75p adjusted), payable on April 4, for the half-year to Dec. 28, 1985. The board intends to pay final of the same amount. Turnover £10.73 million (£10 million). Pretax profit £241,000 (£234,000). Earnings per share 5.6p (5.5p adjusted).

**LIDLAW GROUP:** The company is in talks for the sale of its assets and business of Laidlaw (Dunfermline) to Ford Motor. The price will be about the asset value, which is about 7 per cent of group gross assets.

**LIBERTY LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA:** Net premium income for 1985 R686.9 million (£239 million), against R510.3 million. Total income R1,064.1 million (£786 million). Total dividend 300 cents (250 cents).

**DAVY CORPORATION:** The company has now received \$40.4 million (£27.5 million) in cash from the US pension scheme surplus, referred to in the previous year's accounts.

**COMMERCIAL BANK OF THE NEAR EAST:** Interest income for 1985 \$10.24 million (£11.25 million). Pretax profit £704,096 (£504,267). Dividend 30p a share.

**UNITED COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS:** The company is recommending acceptance of revised offers by Harvard Securities. Offers are extended until March 27.

**WILH SONESSON AB:** Dividend SKr 3.75 (3.5). Figures for 1985. Operating profit SKr894 million (SKr603 million). Profit after financial items SKr518 million (SKr373 million). Profit before appropriations and tax SKr611 million (SKr401 million). Earnings per share SKr 9.2million (SKr 9.95 million). The board believes Volvo's offer to shareholders is acceptable.

**BPCA FINANCE:** The company is in talks for a \$150 million Eurodollar bond issue under the guarantee of British Petroleum. BPCA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of British Petroleum of Australia. The bonds will have a 12-year maturity (1983-8) carry an annual coupon of 8.25 per cent and an issue price of 100% of par.

**TOD:** Results for six months ended December 31. Interim dividend 1.3p (1.1). Figures in £000. Profit before tax 615. Earnings per share on increased capital 5.4p (4.2). Increased turnover and profits is partly because of the contribution of Westrick Plastics, acquired in September, 1985, and the results of which have been incorporated from July, 1985 on a merger basis. Prospect for the current year are promising.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Shares hold steady despite bouts of profit-taking

Dealers concentrated on a weller of trading statements yesterday as traders consolidated recent gains. The undertone held firm throughout despite sporadic bouts of profit-taking amid fears that the raging bull market was near its peak.

Government securities made a drab showing in late trading after the Chancellor appeared to dampen lower interest rate optimism in a Commons statement.

Quotations recorded falls of nearly ¼ of a point. Among equities, satisfactory results from Jaguar and Shell provided fresh food for the optimists, but a 16 per cent increase in profits from the "people's share" British Telecom failed to match best estimates and the shares retreated 14p to 218p.

In contrast, Jaguar shares were very volatile moving between extremes of 430p and 485p before settling at 470p, a net gain of 15p following the 33 per cent profit expansion. Shell figures proved in line with most analysts' expectations, the shares closing at 758p up 13p. But the news failed to stem profit-taking in other oils where BP gave back 10p to 560p. Ultramar at 198p down 8p remained depressed by Wednesday's 44 per cent setback.

In pharmaceuticals, Wellcome Foundation, the recent newcomer, expected an encouraging statement concerning tests on the anti-aids drug. The shares advanced to a peak of 215p before finishing at 206p, up 12p.

Boots attracted late demand helped by heavy activity in traded options. The shares recorded an 11p rise to 265p having been little changed for most of the session. Other stores were much quieter than of late with Woolworth at 579p, losing 10p of its recent speculative advance.

Banks returned to favour as two influential brokers, Merrill Lynch and Wood Mackenzie, upgraded their forecasts for the sector. NatWest led the field at 784p up 42p while Lloyds finished 30p higher at 570p.

On the bid front, Granada "A" plunged 28p as Rank Organisation lost its application for a judicial review of the IBA declaration that a takeover of the company would be unacceptable. However, the shares later rallied to 272p, down 8p as Rank (down 5p to 332p) pledged to appeal and press ahead with the bid.

Television shares elsewhere were stimulated by good profits from Tyne Tees, up 12p to 185p. LWT Holdings reporting next Thursday rose 15p to 313p.

In mixed engineers, Guest Keen unchanged at 347p recovered an early 9p fall on profit-taking.

Automotive Products with results next Tuesday gained 7p to 222p while Appleyard celebrated a 68 per cent expansion with a 13p rise to 136p. British Aerospace, at 566p, and Lucas, 636p, were recent high-flyers to give back 15p and 7p respectively.

Better-than-expected profits boosted Bridport Gundry 7p to 183p. J Mowlem shares were supported at 418p up 8p in otherwise dull builders. Costain added 4p to 544p, still on the Australian results, and Marley also resisted the trend at 122p, up 3p, on persistent bid talk. Williams Holdings hardened 3p to 598p as they placed their stake in McKechnie Group at 195p a share.

Trust House Forte jumped 8p to 183p on reports that a substantial stake had changed hands and that a bid may be made by American Express.

Wordplex plummeted 40p to 48p when the company warned of heavy losses due to trading difficulties. CASE, in a similar business, lost 20p to 94p in sympathy but among other high-technology issues Micro Focus shares were an outstanding spot at 195p, up 35p. Astramad at 436p, up 2p, recovered an early fall on news of a new video recorder.

Allied-Lyons eased 3p to 305p on further reaction to the Elders stake sale. Provisions against tin trading losses snipped a penny from S & W Berisford at 197p. The share price was supported by the takeover situation. However, Dalgety tumbled 17p to 248p after similar action.

Northern Foods dipped 12p to 260p after a profit downgrade by the stockbroker Scrimgeour. In contrast Rowntree shares were hoisted 11p to 456p after a better-than-expected 6.4 per cent profit increase.

Good results also stimulated W J Tod at 133p. William Collins "A" 323p, Hawtal Whiting 450p and World of Leather 203p, all up between 10p and 15p. Newcomer Meunier-Swaia at 139p made a bright debut with a 19p premium. Pacific Sales at 79p up 16p and Eucalyptus Pulp 470p up 45p were supported ahead of results.

Dry cleaners returned to favour with Johnson Group 9p better at 420p. Expansion plans boosted Microgen at 365p, up 10p, and Raybeck hardened 13p to 45p on the management buyout plans.

Life insurances remained on offer on marketing worries but composites were brighter with Guardian Royal up 7p to 833p. In brokers, disappointing profits knocked 22p from Sedgwick at 396p but merchant banks were firm again with Kleinwort at 800p up 10p still reflecting recent good results.

In mixed properties fading bid hopes left MEPC another 8p down at 350p.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		RIGHTS ISSUES	
Abbott M V (180p)	220	Cullens N/P	75
Ashley (L) (135p)	233 dn 3	Hartwells N/P	78 up 15
BPP (160p)	193 up 5	MW Comp	104
Brookmount (160p)	180	Porter Chad F/P	£45.00 dn 1
Chart FL (80p)	90	Safeway UK	28 dn 1
Chancery Secs (83p)	72	Wates N/P	28 dn 1
Cranswick M (88p)	107 up 1	Westland F/P	73
Dialane (128p)	205		
Ferguson (J) (10p)	28 up 1	(Issue price in brackets)	
Granite Surface (58p)	78 dn 1		
Inoco (55p)	47 dn 2		
J S Pathology (180p)	288		
Jarvis Porter (105p)	146 up 6		
Kearfold (118p)	120 dn 3		
Laxicon (115p)	120 dn 3		
Macro 4 (105p)	136 dn 2		
Morival M (115p)	129 up 1		
Norank Sys (90p)	122 up 11		
Really Useful (330p)	358 dn 3		
SAC Int (100p)	133 dn 1		

## THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a balance of the Register will be struck on Thursday, 17th April, 1986 for the preparation of warrants for a Final Dividend for the year 1985 of 22.5p per 25p Ordinary Share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 15th May, 1986 the dividend will be paid on 22nd May, 1986.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on 17th April, 1986.

SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 174 which must be left at Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 111, Old Broad Street, London, EC2N 1AU, at least five clear days for examination, or may be surrendered through MM. Lazard, Freres, Paris.

By Order of the Board  
D. W. CHESTERMAN  
Company Secretary

Shell Centre,  
London, SE1 7NA.  
13th March, 1986

## The 'priority' for jobs

Jobs for the long-term unemployed could be created at a cost of only £4,000 a year, according to Professor Richard Layard, head of the Centre for Labour Economics at the London School of Economics.

In the second 1986 Stockton lecture, delivered yesterday evening at the London Business School, Professor Layard said that reducing long-term unemployment should be the Government's "number one priority".

Professor Layard said that the Government should introduce a new financial incentive to companies to do more training. He said that the "tax on jobs" - employers' National Insurance contributions - should be cut for low-paid workers.

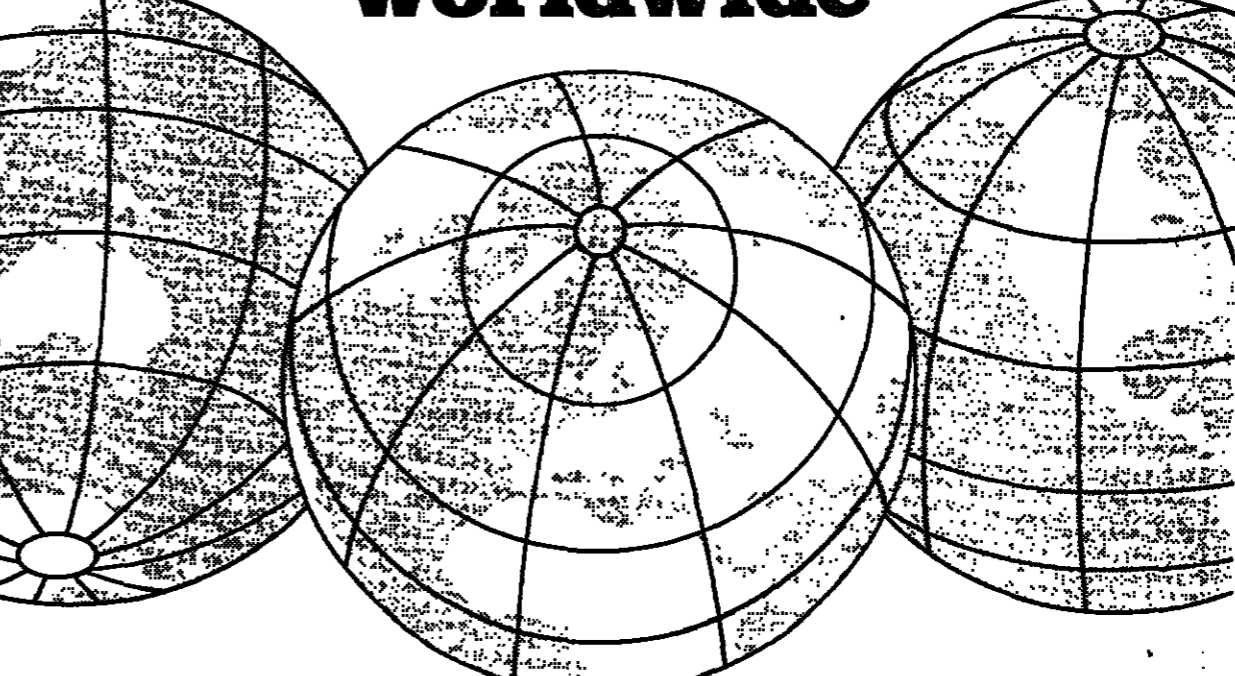
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## Profitable growth in the UK and North America

Results in Brief	1985	1984	
	£m	£m	
Turnover	1205.2	1156.5	* 1985 pre-tax profits up 6%
Trading profit	101.3	93.8	* Total dividend up 11%
Interest	22.0	19.3	* UK trading profit up 16%
Profit before taxation	79.3	74.5	* North American companies increased profits
Taxation	18.6	16.5	* Capital expenditure at a record £71.5 million
Profit after taxation	60.7	58.0	* Trading margins up for fourth successive year
Preference dividends	0.1	0.1	* Commitment to growth by improved returns from existing businesses as well as appropriate acquisitions
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items	60.6	57.9	
Earnings per ordinary share	36.0p	36.0p	



## Sedgwick the right skills worldwide



Year ended 31 December	1985	1984
Revenue	£581.5m	£456.0m
Profit before taxation	£124.3m	£96.3m
Earnings	£79.0m	£69.1m
Earnings per ordinary share	21.7p	19.1p
Dividend per ordinary share	11.0p	10.0p

The information above includes the results of the Fred. S. James Group for both years on a merged basis. The information is extracted from the full financial statements for the years ended 31 December 1984, as restated, and 1985. The full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1984 have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and the report thereon was unqualified. The full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1985 have not yet been reported upon by the auditors and have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies.



BUDGET BRIEFING

Beat 'why work?' syndrome with reduced tax rate band

The most contentious part of the Budget next Tuesday is likely to involve income tax, mainly because the Treasury will publish its long-term plans for tax reform.

The Chancellor's immediate decisions on income tax next Tuesday risk becoming submerged in the wider issue of longer-term reform.

Although neither has come out and said it publicly, it is reasonable to take the view that until the winter collapse in oil prices both the Chancellor and the Prime Minister had ambitious plans for cutting the basic rate of income

tax, currently 30 per cent. When the Cabinet was meeting to discuss economic strategy before last November's autumn statement on the economy, the vision of income tax at 25 pence in the pound, for most a long-forgotten 1979 target, appeared before them.

With a fair wind and the privatization programme moving into top gear, it was argued, 2 pence off the basic rate in 1986 and a 3 pence

reduction in 1987 was not out of the question. Since then, of course, the skies have fallen in the oil market and, despite signs that prices have bottomed out, the Chancellor finds himself about £6 billion short on oil revenues in 1986/87.

He could still squeeze out a cut in the basic rate by bumping up excise duties substantially and foregoing other Budget measures. But with the case for basic rate cuts still far from proven among the 'real economy' wing of the Cabinet, notably the Secretary of State for Employment, Lord Young of Graffham, it is probably not worth the trouble. Every pen-

ny off the basic rate has a full-year cost of £1.2 billion.

The argument for pulling out all the stops to reduce the basic rate then rests on the longer-term plans. If the Chancellor hopes to introduce a system of transferable allowances towards the end of the decade it is better to do so when the basic rate is lower.

Even so, Mr Lawson will probably prefer to take his chances on cutting the basic rate in the 1987 and 1988 Budgets.

This leaves two main options in what is essentially a revenue reshuffling Budget. The first is to continue with the programme, pursued on and off since the 1980 Budget, of reducing income tax by increasing allowances and thresholds by more than the rate of inflation.

The second is to revert to an old idea, a reduced rate band of income tax for the lower paid. A reduced rate, of 25 pence in the pound, used to apply on the first £750 of taxable income. It was abolished by the present Government in the 1980 Budget.

The easiest, and least controversial thing to do would be to raise allowances and thresholds by more than the 5.7 per cent rise in the retail prices index in the 12 months to last December. The extra cost of raising all allowances and thresholds by 10 per cent rather than the required 5.7 per cent would be £800 million in 1986/87, or £1 billion in a full year.

There are two main objections to doing this. The first is that every time allowances are over-indexed between now and the eventual shift to



Lord Young: sceptical about basic rate tax

transferable allowances, the more expensive that shift will be. The second is that the Government's social security reforms, which admittedly will not affect 1986/87, remove some of the traditional virtues associated with raising allowances rather than cutting the basic rate.

When the reforms are in place, changes in income tax generally and thus allowances and thresholds will have much less effect on the poverty and employment traps, the former which can result in marginal tax rates of more than 100 per cent at the meeting of benefit and income tax, the latter which produces the familiar 'Why Work?' syndrome.

Why is there, therefore, a good case this year for the return of the old reduced rate band. The reduced rate band, as it used to be presented, was a tax

break directed specifically at the unemployed. The trick now, particularly to avoid allegations of a U-turn because of its earlier abolition, is to present it as the first stage in the introduction of a 25 per cent rate to all basic rate taxpayers.

Introducing the reduced rate on the first £500 of taxable income costs about £600 million in a full year. A £1,000 reduced rate band costs about the same as a 1 pence in the pound cut in the basic rate. The final possibility is that the Chancellor will do nothing more than just raise allowances and thresholds in line with inflation. After all, with real incomes growing at 3 to 4 per cent this year, it is rather difficult to make the case, from the point of view of need, for income tax reductions.

Rank challenge to IBA ban fails

Regina v Independent Broadcasting Authority, Ex parte Rank Organization plc

Before Justice Mann [Judgment given March 13] The Independent Broadcasting Authority, in deciding not to give permission to the Rank Organization plc to exercise voting rights in respect of shares constituting in excess of 5 per cent of the issued voting shares of Granada Group plc, was not exercising any function under section 20(5) of the Broadcasting Act 1981 but was exercising a power conferred by article 75 of the articles of association of Granada Group plc.

The decision was therefore not susceptible to judicial review. Mr Justice Mann so held, in a reserved judgment, dismissing an application by the Rank Organization plc for judicial review of the above decision of February 25 of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Section 20(5) of the Broadcasting Act 1981 provides: 'Every contract concluded between the Authority and a programme contractor shall, where the programme contractor is a body corporate, contain all such provisions as the Authority think necessary or expedient to ensure that if any change in the nature or characteristics of the body corporate, or any change in the persons having control over or interests in the body corporate, takes place after the conclusion of the contract, which, if it had occurred before the conclusion of the contract, would have induced the Authority to refrain from entering into the contract, the Authority may by notice in writing to the contractor, taking effect forthwith or on a date specified in the notice, determine the contract.'

Article 75A(1) of the articles of association provides: 'No member shall be entitled to vote in excess of the number equal to 5 per cent of the total number of voting shares then in issue unless he is

an approved person and then only in accordance with the terms of the Authority's permission...

Mr Ian Hunter, QC and Miss Mary Arden for the applicant; Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Mr Mark Howard for Granada; Mr David Kemp, QC and Mr Derrick Turiff for the IBA.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that central to the applicant's submission of illegality was the allegation that the IBA had failed to give consideration to section 20(5).

If the IBA was exercising its function under the statute then the exercise would be reviewable under public law. In his Lordship's judgment, on February 25 the IBA was not exercising any powers under section 20(5). It was exercising power conferred by article 75 of the articles of association.

There was no suggestion that article 75 was ultra vires of Granada or exceeded the powers of the IBA.

Was the article of association susceptible of judicial review on the application of shareholders? The answer must be 'no'.

No authorities had been referred to nor any argument by order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court should avail. In those circumstances the remedies of public law were not available.

Had the matter been justiciable, Rank would have had a sufficient interest to give it *locus standi*, but the decision could not have been flawed on the ground of mechanical application of policy. The IBA was entitled to have a policy.

Rank did not have a legitimate expectation to be heard, nor was there any unfairness in not granting Rank the opportunity to put its case. There was only a duty to act honestly and to listen to the representations which were made in good faith. Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Freshfields; Allen & Overy.

Concern in court over worthless insurance

Dinbar v A & B Painters Ltd Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Waller [Judgment given March 4]

Where insurers had repudiated an insurance policy by reason of misrepresentation by the brokers, but would in any event have been liable to avoid liability to the insured, the court, on the insured's claim against the brokers for damages for loss of his indemnity under the policy, should not decide on the balance of probabilities whether the insurers would have avoided liability, but should assess the chance that they would have done so and reduce the insured's damages accordingly.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the second third party, Whitehouse & Co, insurance brokers, from an order of Mr M J. Pratt, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, in favour of the defendant, A & B Painters Ltd, in respect of its liability to pay the plaintiff, Mr Alfred James Dunbar, £125,000 damages in respect of injuries sustained when a ladder fell over 90 feet in the course of his employment with the defendant.

Having discovered the brokers' misrepresentation, the insurers had a right to avoid liability under the defendant's employers' liability insurance; had they not done so they would in any event have been entitled to refuse to pay since the plaintiff had fallen from a height in excess of 80 feet.

Mr John Griffiths, QC and Mr Peter Fox for the brokers; Mr Robin Stewart, QC and Mr Richard Craven for the defendant; Mr Adrian Cooper for the insurers.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that it was clear from *Mallen v McInnes* (1970) AC 166, 176 and *Fraser v B N Furman (Productions) Ltd* (1967) 1 WLR 898, 904 that the correct approach was for the judge to assess the chance that the insurers would have taken the height point.

Having done so and concluded that it was unlikely that they would have taken it, he had assessed the chance as nil, and the judge's finding of liability under the defendant's employers' liability insurance, which appeared to drive a coach and horses through the provisions for compulsory insurance in the *Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969* and the *Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) General Regulations (SI 1971 No 1117)* which required the certificate of insurance to be displayed by the insured so that employees could inspect it.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, concurring, said that he shared the deep concern which the trial judge had expressed in the course of this case over the effect of this compulsory insurance policy, which appeared to drive a coach and horses through the provisions for compulsory insurance in the *Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969* and the *Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) General Regulations (SI 1971 No 1117)* which required the certificate of insurance to be displayed by the insured so that employees could inspect it.

It had been issued and displayed; it had appeared to protect the employees, and it was difficult to see how the plaintiff or any of his workmates could ever have found out that it was worthless. They had been led to assume that they were covered, and in the circumstances the certificate had been a snare and a delusion.

More over, there had been no reference in the certificate, which purported to satisfy the requirements of the law, to the height restriction, that persons working above 40 feet were not covered.

The case had drawn attention to an unsatisfactory state of affairs, which was a matter for the legislature to deal with. Sir George Waller agreed. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Hay & Kliner, Newcastle upon Tyne; Stephenson Harwood for McKeag & Co, Newcastle upon Tyne; Lawrence, Graham.

Breach of the peace summons is a criminal matter

Regina v Bolton Justices, Ex parte Graeme

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment given March 3]

The Court of Appeal did not have jurisdiction to consider a renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review of the issue by justices of a summons for breach of the peace under section 115 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, because section 181(a) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 deprived the court of jurisdiction to hear appeals in 'any criminal cause or matter'.

That was the opinion expressed by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, after the court had dismissed, by reason of the non-appearance of the applicant, a renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review against Bolton Justices, leave having been refused by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on July 23, 1985.

MR JOHN LAWS as *amicus curiae* THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the applicant faced two obstacles.

First, section 181(a), although concerned with the court's appellate jurisdiction, applied by analogy to its original jurisdiction, which included the hearing of renewed applications for leave to apply for judicial review such as the present one.

It would be very peculiar if the Court of Appeal were to exercise its original jurisdiction to grant leave for judicial review in circumstances in which any consequent decision would be appealable to the court. Second, an application for judicial review relating to a

complaint under section 115 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 was a 'criminal cause or matter' within the meaning of section 18 of the 1981 Act.

Obviously it remained open to someone to argue the point in the future. But it might help if in the light of the present case his Lordship observed that he had very little doubt but that this was a criminal cause or matter.

A number of reasons had been evolved by Mr Laws, but it was enough to mention just three:

1 The wording of section 115 of the 1980 Act included, in subsection (3), an express power of imprisonment if someone was not prepared to enter into a recognisance to keep the peace. There was no suggestion that that was a contempt jurisdiction of anything of the sort.

2 Section 115 was very similar to the provisions of the ancient statute of Edward III, the Justices of the Peace Act 1361, from which it was quite clear that the jurisdiction to bind over was integral to justices' general duty to ensure the maintenance of peace, which was normally thought of as a criminal jurisdiction.

3 Section 1(7) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1968 declared that any court of record having a criminal jurisdiction had an ancillary power to bind over to keep the peace. Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed. Solicitor: Treasury Solicitor.

Correction

In Community Task Force v Rimmer (The Times March 13), the solicitors for Community Task Force were Radcliffe & Co, not Peter Rickson & Co, Preston.

Potential purchaser of house not licensee but a tenant

Bretherton v Paton Before Lord Justice May and Sir George Waller [Judgment given February 25]

The defendant had been happy to remain in occupation, but the defendant had served notice to quit; when she had failed to leave, the plaintiff had brought this action for possession. If the defendant had been a tenant, she was now a statutory tenant, entitled to remain in possession under the 1977 Act. The judge had considered *Streer v Mountford* (1985) AC 809 at length and found that there was a legal relationship between the parties and that the three indicia of tenancy (exclusive possession for a term at a rent) were present, but had held that since the defendant had entered possession under an arrangement for sale and purchase of the property and not originally as a tenant, the case fell within one of the categories of exception to the principle enunciated in *Street* that where the three indicia were present there was a tenancy and not a licence.

His Lordship had little doubt that there was some legally enforceable relationship between the parties. The defendant had argued that on the basis of the judge's findings of fact, and since they had never agreed any of the necessary terms of sale, let alone an enforceable contract of sale, their relationship was that of landlord and tenant within *Streer*, and there was no basis for saying that any exception from *Streer* applied. The plaintiff had said that there had been no intention on the part of either party to create a tenancy; their mutual intention had been that the defendant would purchase the property and in those circumstances, *Streer* was irrelevant.

It mattered not, he had argued, that there was no enforceable contract of sale and purchase since the whole flavour and colour of the arrangement had been that of sale and purchase, not of tenancy; it would be illogical and unjust to find that a tenancy had been created in the circumstances.

Alternatively, he had submitted, the defendant had entered occupation and paid rent pursuant to an enforceable agreement, the terms of which barred the application of the *Streer* principle.

His Lordship had no doubt at all that, although the sale and purchase of the premises had been intended, the defendant had, pursuant to a contract with the plaintiff, entered into exclusive possession of the premises for which she paid a weekly rent. That factual situation clearly fell within the rule in *Street*, and there was therefore a tenancy which was just within the 1977 Act.

The cases referred to by Lord Templeman where exclusive possession was referable to a legal relationship other than tenancy should not be regarded as exceptions to the *Streer* principle. The case had not made any new law or required any new principle to be applied; it had merely decided that where the three indicia existed and were not referable to a legal relationship other than tenancy, there was a tenancy.

*Streer* did not apply where some other legal relationship, or indeed no legal relationship, could be inferred from the surrounding circumstances. Sir George Waller delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: David Coupe & Co, Kirkham; David Blank & Co, Manchester.

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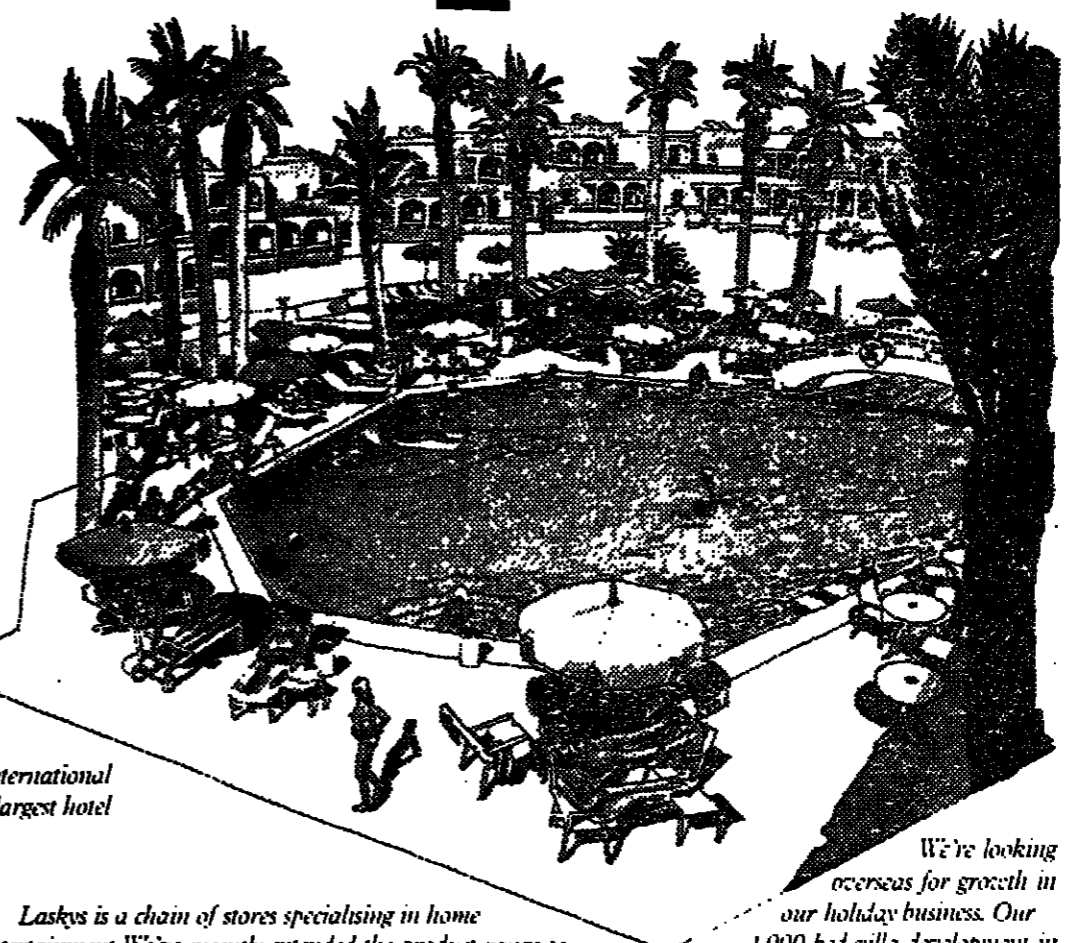
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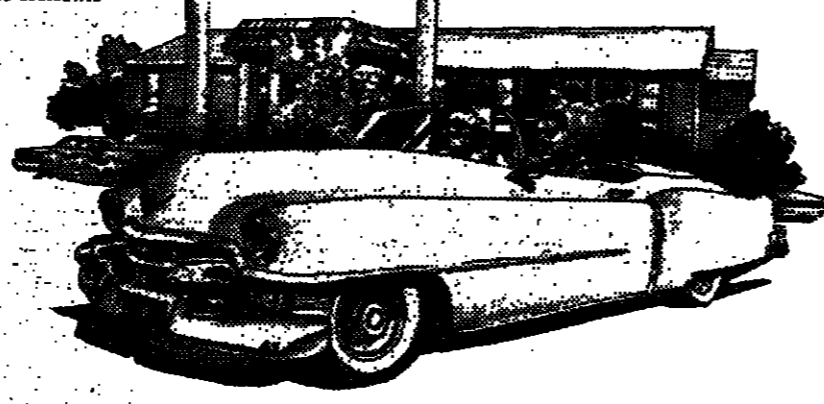
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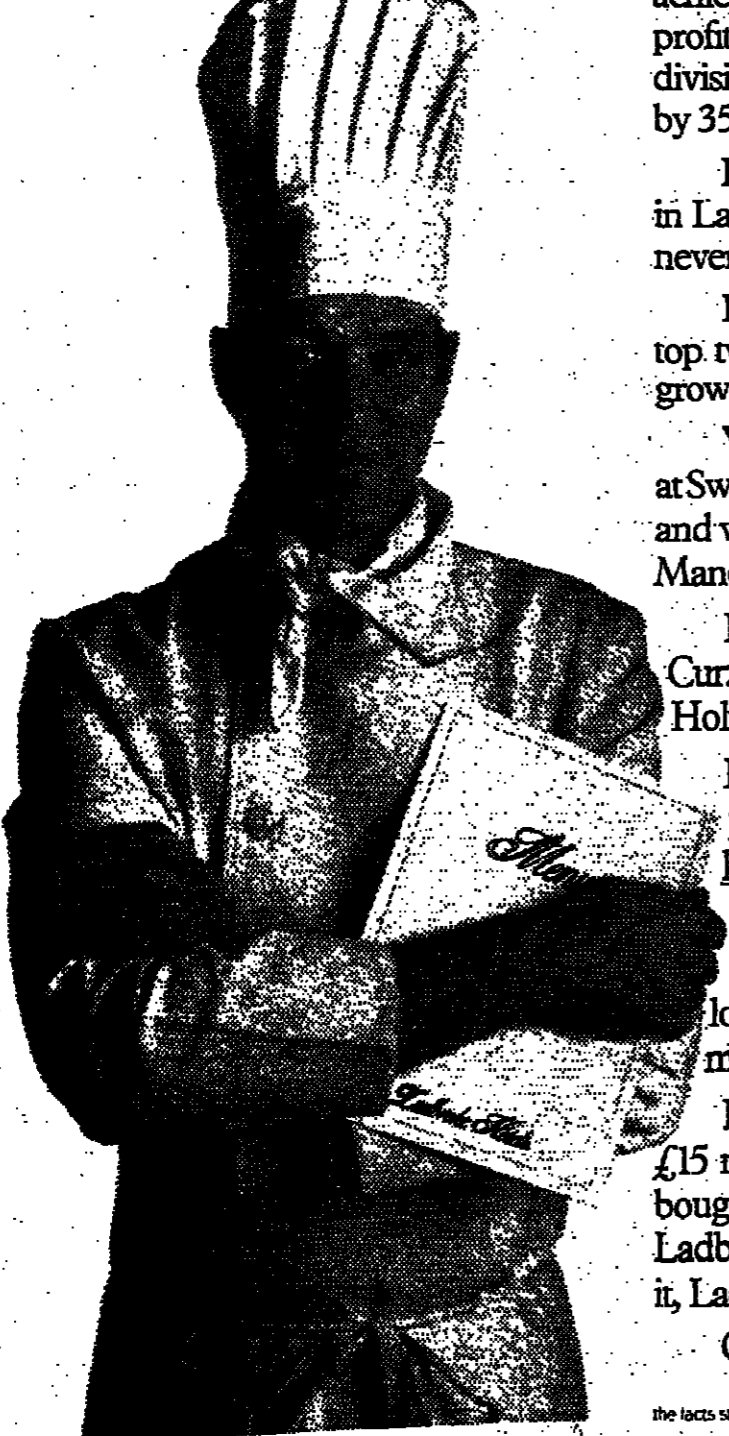


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It was an encouraging year (to put it mildly) with all three core businesses performing well.

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ing year in 1985 and with over 1,500 shops in the U.K. we increased our share of the off-track betting market to over 21%.

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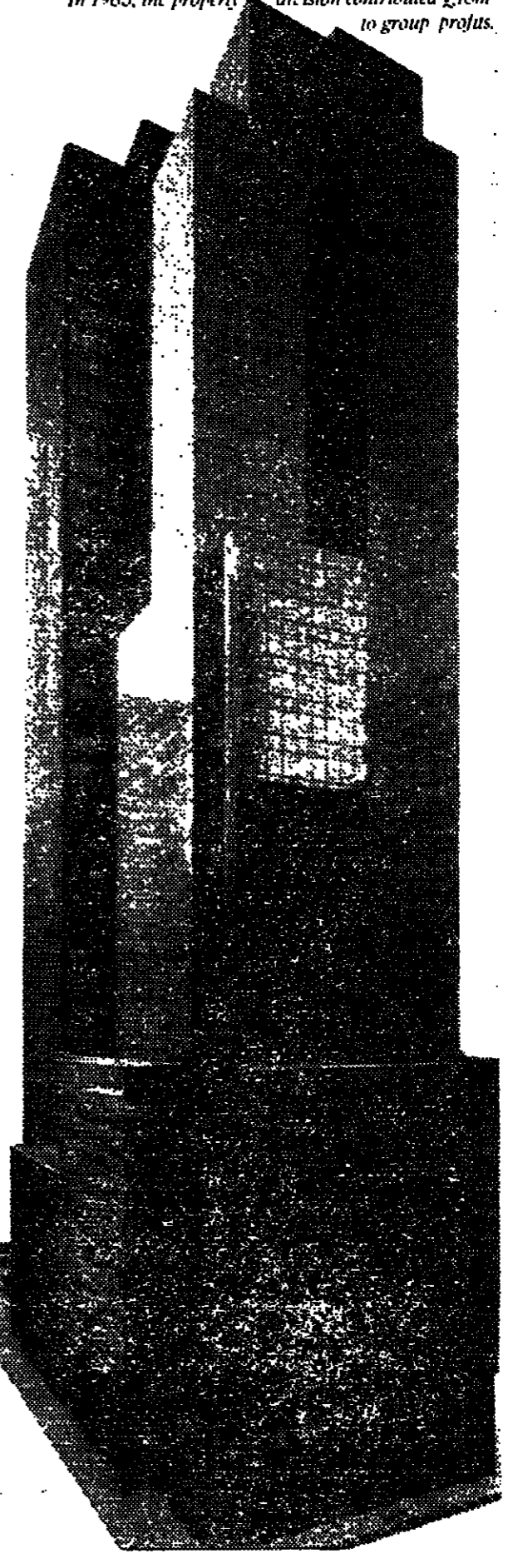
Here in Britain, we're concentrating on the retail sector with major new schemes in Maidstone, Birmingham, and Bristol and out of town developments in Crayford, Hendon, Perry Barr and Cwmbran.

With leisure-time spending projected to increase by 8.5% in 1986, the entertainments division is also expecting to do well; publishing is expanding, holiday bookings are ahead of 1985 levels and Laskys is again expected to improve its performance.

As you can see from this brief look at our activities, the future looks far from leisurely.

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Mr Headset heads for success

By Teresa Poole

It was at a trade exhibition in 1983 that the Tewkesbury-based electronics company, Vartek, heard that National Express was looking for a cordless headset system for its coaches. Someone mentioned it to one of Vartek's sales reps, who passed the word to Vartek's founder, Arthur Combe.

Two years and £80,000 in research and development costs later, Mr Combe and two engineers had perfected a system which was ready for production. The Tewkesbury-based company, which was set up in 1981, has now been contracted to fit out all 175 of National Express's Rapide service coaches, which should push the company's turnover to £1.25 million.

Mr Combe said: "We have been lucky. We found one product that has done extremely well for us." Vartek is now becoming a textbook example of how a small company can capture a new market through the development of a specialized high-technology product and secure the necessary financial support to move into production.

In 1976, Mr Combe left the Government's GCHQ operation after 13 years as an engineer to set up a company making TV monitors for the amusement trade. After being bought out by a Japanese company, Combe



Arthur Combe: We have been lucky

again started up alone in business, as agent for a European make of monitor.

Within six months the European company went out of business. He decided to return to the amusement trade, assembling and building coin-operated machines. The market was depressed so from the start, the company, with its five employees, was looking for new products.

At this time, National Express were discovering that its on-coach video screenings did not please those passengers who did not want to watch a film or

hear its soundtrack. Existing cordless headphones were not really suitable for in-coach use and cord systems were thought too unreliable. By July 1984, Vartek was fitting a trial coach and at the end of that year had developed the pre-production prototype.

Each coach costs about £3,000 to fit out (at retail prices) and some independent operators have now also shown interest. Winning such a large order last year meant that the company's working-capital demands increased sharply and a decision was made to seek venture capital. With the help of accountants Coopers & Lybrand, Vartek went to investors in Industry and Guardian Royal Exchange and raised £250,000, diluting Combe's stake in the company to 45 per cent.

The National Express coach fittings are due to be completed in April and Vartek is now facing a drop in sales without further large orders. But ferries and British Rail have shown interest.

In five years' time, the company hopes to have a £5 million turnover and to be ready for a flotation on the unlisted securities market. On the original side of the business, it holds about seven per cent of the market for coin-operated amusement machines and it has now also developed an interactive video-disc catalogue for car showrooms.

By Derek Harris

Changes to the loan guarantee scheme to breathe new life into it as a generator of small businesses and new jobs are expected to be announced by the Chancellor in next week's Budget.

The main change is likely to be in the premiums being paid by borrowers for the guarantee, which now applies to 70 per cent of a bank loan. This rate, originally three per cent, rose to five per cent in mid-1984 at the same time as the banks' exposure to risk was raised from 20 per cent to the present 30 per cent. The demand for loans under the scheme has since fallen away, raising doubts about the future of the scheme.

But there has been continued support

A new buzz for the BES

for it from David Trippier, minister for small business at the Department of Employment, and it could well have a friend at the Treasury - John MacGregor, the Chief Secretary, a former small business minister.

One advantage of the LGS, especially if it can be switched again into a higher gear, is that it has produced new jobs comparatively cheaply.

It seems unlikely that the banks will be faced with accepting additional exposure to risk. Their commitment to a

new phase of LGS is crucial because it will primarily be bank managers, who will be selling the idea of such loans to prospective small businesses.

What the banks particularly will also be looking for is a government commitment to the LGS over a reasonable period to allow planning of marketing and other commitments. A scheme with a three-year life is being regarded as a minimum specification.

The Chancellor is widely expected to tighten up regulations for the Business Expansion Scheme. But there has also been some study in Whitehall on the possibilities of improving the BES to benefit particularly small businesses needing backing of £50,000 or less.

BRIEFING

York Enterprise Centre, being opened in the city's Davygate this week-end, adds some dimension to the idea of the one-stop shop for small businesses and their needs. It is an unusual blend of private and public-sector interests with a strong commitment to helping with loans, guarantees and equity funding.

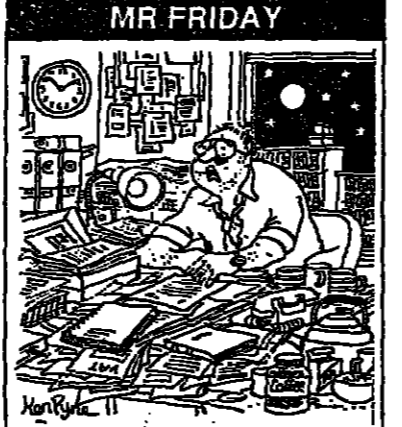
The centre, first mooted by the city council, then backed by the Lord Mayor's economic liaison committee that itself brings together many local interests, will offer not only full counselling facilities for small businesses but also a conference centre. York Enterprise, an initiative by the local authority and local business interests, will give help on loans - including soft loans in some cases. The York Area Economic

Development Unit will help find premises and deal with planning matters. The Vale of York Small Business Association, an established local enterprise agency, will offer a wide range of advice for small businesses.

Contact: York Enterprise Centre, 1 Davygate, York YO1 1GZ; tel: 0904-644777.

For graduate artists and designers, the London Enterprise Agency (LEA) is running a one-day course, Setting Up Your Own Business. On April 18 at the London College of Printing, 100 places at £7.50 each. LEA sees a special need to alert such graduates to the realities of self-employment because artists and designers are twice as likely as anybody else to work for themselves. An advanced course for designers was launched last autumn.

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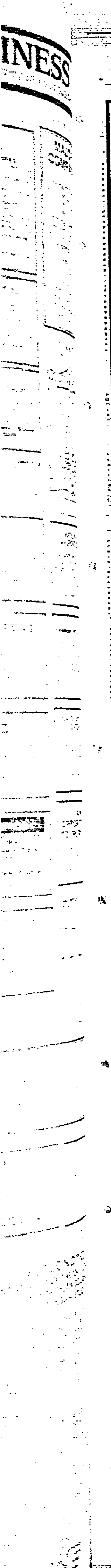
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The university was hit very hard in the University Grants Committee cuts of 1981. On paper it suffered a cut of about 28 per cent; in real terms the cut was more like 31 per cent. It therefore lost about £5 million in cash overnight and was forced to shed one-fifth of its students. This was a terrible blow and the university is now a smaller and more sober institution.

Professor John West, the vice-chancellor, decided not to adopt a policy of "equal misery" for all but to apply the

cut with ruthless selectivity. "We looked at what we were good at and decided not to touch those departments," he said. "We found a number of departments were not in a good position and would require money to put right, so we decided to phase them out."

Bradford lost 10 degree courses and its student numbers declined from 5,000 to 4,000. Biology, material science, colour chemistry, textiles, science and society, education, social analysis, the literature and history of ideas, public and social policy, and pharmacology and medical science were all cut.

A total of 120 teaching and 300 non-teaching staff had to go. According to Professor West, the response was "magnificent", and sufficient staff elected to go under the voluntary retirement scheme. Academics in priority areas such as electrical and electron-

ic engineering were not allowed to leave.

Professor West said the positive aspect of the cuts was that the university received extra encouragement from the UGC and was given 50 extra engineering places. Since then it has received funding for another 50 places in electrical/electronic engineering as part of the Government's "switch" money to enable more students to study science subjects.

He said that Bradford was stronger now than it had been five years ago, but there was



no magic in the formula. "We are smaller now," he said. "You pay for what you get. The 24 departments that have remained are stronger now, but we have lost biology which I regret very much."

Material science is a big loss. This is a minority subject, but a very important subject in science and engineering.

The biggest factor which told against Bradford in 1981

was that a number of its subjects were not in demand by students. This meant that A-level results were not good in many subjects.

In recent months the university has taken another tough decision: it has decided to do away with physics, again because of a lack of demand. The university had difficulty filling its complement of 30 places and had to rely heavily on the UCCA clearing house scheme to recruit students.

Of the 10 physics staff, three are moving to York University and the remainder are being redeployed at Bradford. By 1988 the physics department will have disappeared from the university.

Of the 4,000 students, about one-third are studying arts subjects and two-thirds science and technology. About 30 per cent of the student body live on the campus in halls of residence and student flats,

## A special case for engineers

In the past five years Bradford has concentrated on its engineering as it was told to do by the University Grants Committee. Impressive work is going on in chemical, control and electrical engineering, and five new professors have been appointed.

Chemical engineering is one of the biggest schools in terms of student numbers with 280 undergraduates and 50 research students. A special feature is the "think sandwich" element which includes a period spent in France, West Germany, Holland or Switzerland.

A student of chemical engineering will spend his or her first year in the university and in the subsequent three years will spend six months in industry and six months in the university.

In general, students go abroad in the second industrial training period during the

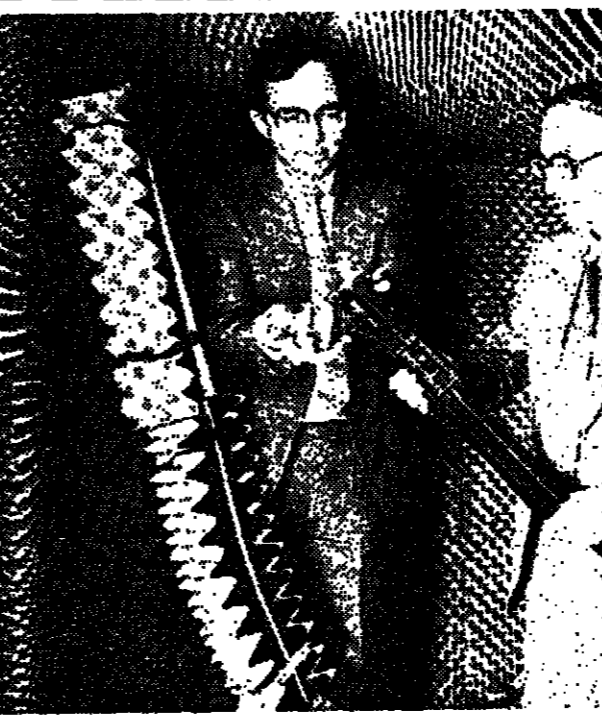
third year of the course. They study a language - French or German - in their first year at Bradford though this does not count towards their degree.

The school has run this industrial experience abroad for the past 10 years and Dr Michael Hughes says it broadens the students as people and enables them to become fairly fluent in a language. It has led to some students getting jobs in the EEC.

The course is oriented towards the design of chemical plant and it takes 25 per cent women students, a higher proportion than any other such course in Britain. Fifteen years ago, before the department began to go out of its way to attract girls, it would have been lucky to have one in 25, said Dr Hughes.

One reason for the influx of girls may be that the school will accept an O-level in chemistry as an entry requirement. In research, the department specializes in three major areas: solvent extraction in which it has strong links with British Nuclear Fuels and Harwell rheology, concerned with the manufacture of plastics, and food processing and the mixing of chemicals; and powders where research concentrates on slurries.

The electrical engineering department has expanded considerably in the past two years to become the largest engineering department in the



Quiet men: Professor David Howson and Dr Peter Excell, from the electrical and electronic engineering department, at work in a microwave anechoic chamber

university. Because of the extra money it was given in the Government's "switch" to science and technology subjects it has acquired more students, more staff and more capital equipment.

It received £180,000 for equipment in the postgraduate area and £100,000 for undergraduate work. This was more than any other electrical engineering department in Britain.

The undergraduate school expanded by 40 per cent and the postgraduate school began a new Master's course in radio frequency engineering. Telecommunications research interests have been expanded in the past six months, particularly communications with vehicles, satellites and cellular terrestrial systems. The department has been awarded the highest number of contracts by the Science and

Engineering Research Council of any other university electrical engineering department in the telecommunications speciality.

The emphasis in the school is towards electronic and telecommunications engineering rather than machine problems. The two undergraduate courses are electrical and electronic engineering or electronic, communications and computer engineering. Within those two courses students can gain a Masters or a BEng degree.

There are five postgraduate courses - microprocessor engineering, radio frequency engineering, power electronics, communications engineering and power systems engineering.

The civil engineering department has recently acquired a new professor, Stuart Littlejohn, who came straight from industry from the international group of contractors, Colcrete. The first contractor to be appointed to a chair and the fourth to come from industry.


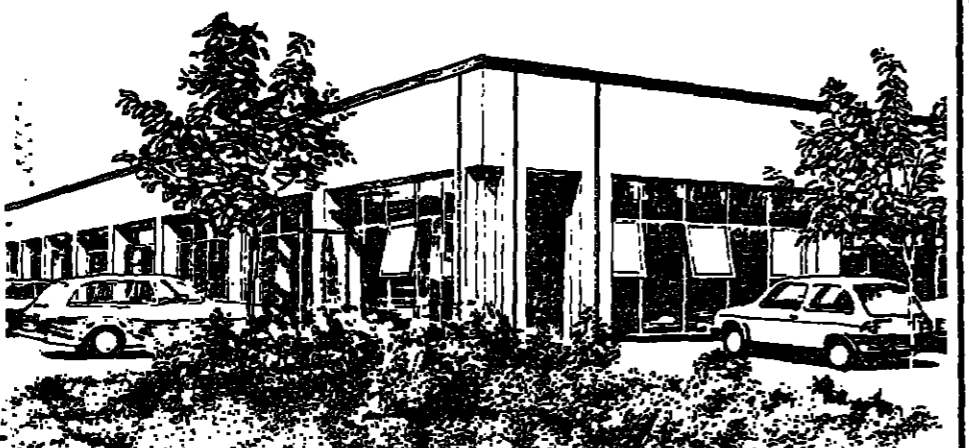
He set about creating a civil engineering advisory board, a group of academics and employers, plus a headmistress. "We are trying to tap the expertise of all these people to produce graduates who are going to be useful in industry and to produce research programmes that are relevant," said Professor Littlejohn.

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RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND ARE PLEASED TO BE UNDERDOGS

Concentration is crucial if French are to be extended

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Paris
England completed their training yesterday, in preparation for tomorrow's final five nations' championship match against France at the Parc des Princes...



Practice makes perfect: Berbizier warms up for tomorrow's international.

Family honour at stake for Lafond

Paris
The major events dominate the French scene this weekend. No doubt the elections for the National Assembly on Sunday hold the pole position...

YACHTING

Calms that spoil best-laid plans

By Barry Pickhall
With the arrival of three more yachts in Punta del Este at the end of the third stage of Whitbread's Round the World Race during the past 24 hours...

CRICKET

Getting's true grit spared a reunion with Marshall

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Bridgetown
The England cricketers flew here yesterday morning, expecting to have Mike Gatting back with them by the evening. He will almost certainly play in the match against Barbados...

Forget raking in the shekels and consider the players

Simon Barnes
The stories that are appearing back home that have been told to them by the press. The journalists' distortions themselves are distorted. When you are in Barbados - the most noteworthy man in Barbados outside the Royal family - the clasp-knife gets worse...

Improvement but can do better

Welsh Rugby by Gerald Davies
The end-of-term rugby report last season did not make comfortable reading. The staff/player relationship was not what it should have been...

King's cap Queen's

School's Rugby by Michael Stevenson
The highly competitive Sevens season is under way and the Taunton Sevens was won by King's, Westchester, who needed extra time to edge home (14-10) against Queen's, Taunton...

GOLF

Europeans stalking the natives

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida
Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer, Nick Faldo and Ken Brown are the names that will be heard most often at the start of the first international in the series...

Australia on top thanks to century by Marsh

Auckland (Reuter) - Geoff Marsh, the opening batsman, obtained his first Test century to put Australia in a solid position at the end of the first day of play in the third Test against New Zealand...

FOR THE RECORD

- BASKETBALL: UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association...
NORDIC SKIING: OSLO: World Cup: Men's 40km cross-country...
REAL TENNIS: METWORTH: First round of the national club championship...

Five uncapped players in Sri Lanka party

Colombo (Reuter) - Sri Lanka, who were crushed by an innings in the first Test match by Pakistan and beaten 2-0 in a rain-affected one-day series...

Hospitals Cup faces ban

The Hospitals Cup final may be barred from Richmond Athletic ground as a result of rowdiness during and after Wednesday's match between St Mary's and The Londoners...

Badminton

The Herefordshire tournament was won by Belmont Abbey, who beat Christ's College, Brecon, 12-4 in the final, the under-16 tournament being won by Christ's, Brecon, and the under-14 by King's, Macclesfield...

Tennis

Lyle made the best start yesterday in a wind like a blast furnace, binding the long first with a good pitch and getting down a 20-footer for another birdie at the fourth. He went out in an excellent 34 and looked set for a fine score...

Troke keeps her cool on the treasure trail

By a Special Correspondent
England's European champion, Helen Troke, is steadily approaching the greatest opportunity of her career. Yesterday at Wembley she beat Japan's number two, Kimiko Inoue...

RACKETS

Male outstays Crawley to reach last four

James Male, the amateur champion, eliminated Randall Crawley, the sixth seed, by 17-16 in the first round of the quarter-final of the Celtic Open Singles Championship at Queen's Club on Wednesday...

FOOTBALL: EVANS UNCOMFORTABLE AT THOUGHT OF LEADING HIS TEAM OUT AT WEMBLEY

Milk Cup final managers are haunted by fear of relegation

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Oxford United will be led out for the Milk Cup final by the most reluctant manager ever to appear at Wembley...



The old routine: Rummennigge (left) is watched by Socrates

Digest of detail and doubt

By Clive White
To help combat the financial problems of the English and Scottish games, the Football Trust, with the help of the national bodies, have published a Digest of Football Statistics...

Brazil show steel and their age

From David Miller, Frankfurt
As Enzo Bearzot, of Italy, remarked, it will be a different Brazil under the Mexican sun, with 10,000 of their own supporters generating a tribal dance of drums on the terraces...

Midlands move is pyramid shaker

Non-League Football by Paul Newman
The long-expected breakaway by a number of Midlands clubs from the national pyramid structure of non-League football will take place at the end of the season...

RESULTS FROM WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL
FA Cup: Sixth round: Sheffield Wednesday 2, West Ham 1. Sixth round replay: Everton 1, Luton 1...

Sport may benefit from the budget

Chancellor Nigel Lawson is being urged to give British sport a major financial boost in next Tuesday's budget. The Central Council of Physical Recreation has put together a five-point plan which it claims "would do much to assist the development and modernization of sport in Britain..."

Wales may not keep up without Jones

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent
Steve Jones has withdrawn from the world cross-country championships in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, on March 23, because of an Achilles tendon injury. Another area of vexation in British athletics recently has been how to reduce the overall amount paid out to athletes...

Boxing

Warrington has appointed their first-team coach, Tony Barrow, caretaker manager following the resignation of Reg Bowden.

Proper credentials

By John Hennessy
The Roehampton Golf Cup, a traditional harbinger of spring in women's golf, has attracted a strong field for today's competition, over two rounds. Unlike the Avia foursomes next week, it has kept its doors open to professionals and has therefore suffered less from defections among the amateurs.

Action in the old town hall tonight

By Jim Raitton
An unbeaten Oxford this season start favourites on their own ground at the 76th annual University match at Oxford Town Hall this evening. The event was a sell-out more than a week ago. Both sides contain three Blues, including the captain, I. P. Morgan (Oxford)...

Hockey England go for new faces

By Joyce Whitehead
The great day in the English women's hockey is tomorrow England play Canada at Wembley Stadium. England have a new captain, Barbara Hamby. With 50 caps, she has had great experience at home and abroad...

Volleyball Scots drop six for new look

By Paul Harrison
For Scotland, the matches against England this weekend are the high point of an international season that contains very little else. For England they are an important stepping stone on the way to the Spring Cup...

Illusions we must treasure

By Conrad Voss Bark
A publicity handout from a new fishing publisher on a new fishing book is a good thing. Other virtues the book clears away the myths of angling folklore. The claim is rather surprising. Presumably we are supposed to give up the myth that the trout is a creature of the cleared away, but the fact is it is very doubtful if we would...

Continuation of Midlands move article, discussing the implications of clubs leaving the pyramid and the challenges it poses to the existing structure.

Continuation of Brazil article, discussing the team's performance and the challenges they face in the international arena.

Continuation of Boxing article, discussing the upcoming matches and the careers of the fighters involved.

Continuation of Illusions article, discussing the author's views on fishing myths and the importance of preserving certain aspects of the sport's heritage.

Philip Nickson on the brave new world of a judo champion

Now the warrior queen is fighting for herself
Few contemporary women could be said to resemble more closely the Amazon queen, Hippolyte, than the Belgian judo champion, Ingrid Berghmans. Certainly, she looks the part. She stands a little over six feet tall yet is slim, despite powerful arms and legs...

Today's Fixture

Football
7.30 unless stated
Third division: Brentford v Bolton (7.45)
Fourth division: Colchester v Mansfield, Halifax v Wrexham, Hartlepool v Stockport (7.45)

Rugby Union

Club matches: Devon v Plymouth (7.15), Leicester v RAF (7.15)
Universities Championship: Ireland v Scotland (Belfast, Duon, 3.0)
Other Sport
Badminton: Vauxhall All England Open Championships (Wembley, Sat)
Golf: Roehampton Ladies' Golf Scratch Challenge Cup



Motoring by John Taylor
Towards a clean bill of health

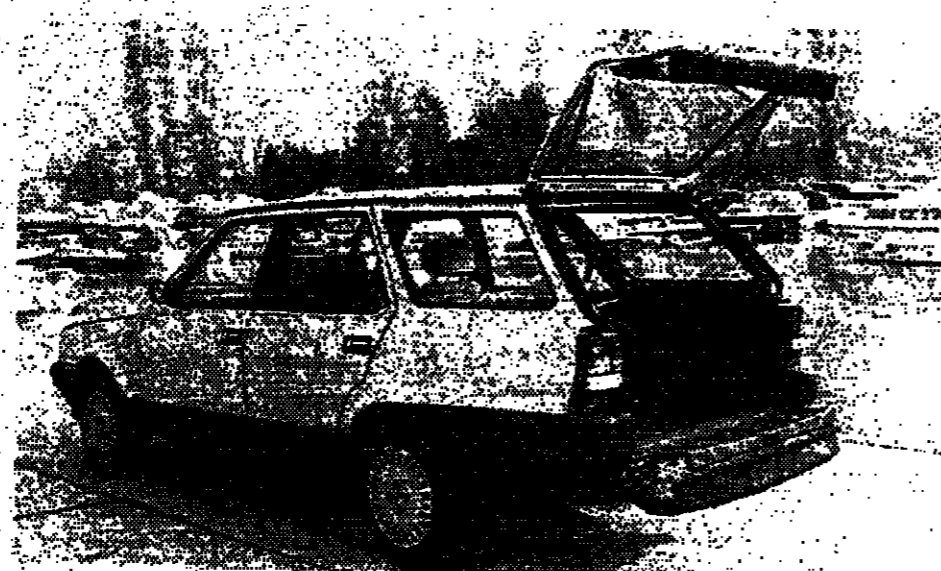
Cleaning up the motor industry is going to run up a bill of several millions of pounds over the next few years.

The recent outcries from ecology groups have not been the starting point, for the industry has been at work on the problem for many years.

As a result, today's new car creates less than half the atmospheric pollution than its counterpart in 1970.

While the natural inclination of manufacturers is to go for lean-burn rather than converters, they are having to maintain a full technical programme that caters for both courses.

Just how these actual emissions are controlled is being tackled in two ways. The original course adopted in America following the Los Angeles smog problem was to clean a catalytic converter to clean the exhaust gases before their release.



Fiat Regata Weekend estate: Comfortable all-rounder.

has a detrimental effect on fuel consumption. It is estimated that, in Europe, the addition of a catalytic converter would increase the basic price of the car by £400 to £500 regardless of size and that would also be reflected in higher car tax and VAT.

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The centre is responsible for exhaust emission research and all certification testing for Ford cars and commercial vehicles built in Europe and this £6.5 million extension raises the capacity by 50 per cent while improving the content and precision of the tests involved.

A total of 11 test cells, each a laboratory capable of taking a vehicle and its test equipment, is now available with a garage and support facilities. Measurements of emission levels of any vehicle using a catalyst or lean burn equipment can be taken.

Indicative of the rate of development is the updating of the atmospheric test cell which was only built in 1984, but has now been re-equipped to the latest catalyst test level.

proving to be an expensive task for the motor industry, few will dispute its necessity and put in perspective in Ford's case, the latest £6.5 million investment at Duntun is modest against the total investment of £1.35 billion which the company has invested in Britain since 1980.

Road Test Fiat Regata estate

Looking at the sleek and stylish lines of the Fiat Regata Weekend 100 Super estate, one is hard put to relate it directly with the Strada hatchback, now much improved but still in the final ring of the unadorned era of Torinese eccentricity.

It is a practical load carrier allied to a high standard of comfort and equipment. The performance is good by estate standards and the handling generally surefooted, though the power steering felt a little light at speed on the M6 in a crosswind, but it was blowing hard.

The high seating position gives a very good all-round view at the slight cost to a tall driver of a shortage of head-room due to the fitting of a sliding roof panel.

which produces a healthy 100bhp. This is allied to a five-speed gearbox, the slightly ponderous action of which could be mainly attributed to its very low tallages.

Creature comforts on the Super include electrically operated front windows, central door locking, a stereo radio/cassette player which hides sensibly under a lid when not in use, adjustable steering column and full cloth trim.

The load deck is the important part of any estate and the Regata shows up well, with a maximum interior length of 63.8in., width of 30in.-38in between wheelarches - and a floor to roof tailgate height of 46.9in.

Vital Statistics Model: Fiat Regata Weekend 100S estate

Price: £23,490. Engine: 1,585cc, four cylinder. Performance: 0-60mph 10 seconds; top speed 112mph. Official consumption: urban 26.9mpg, 56mph 48.7mpg, 75mph 38.2mpg. Brakes: 14 feet 0 inches Insurance: Group 5

In terms of capacity this is a maximum of 49.4 cu ft and 25.6 cu ft with the rear seats in use. A handy touch is the way in which the lower portion of the tailgate folds down separately to provide useful extra deck length or a seat for picnics or watching sporting events.

General Motors

Mycar advertisement with text 'Take the profit... on your new car investment' and contact details for SE THOMAS & CO.

HONDA advertisement with text 'NEW HONDA CARS IN HERTFORDSHIRE' and contact details for JOHN BARRINGER LTD.

General Motors

Advertisement for 'THE RIGHT PLACE TO PARK YOUR CAR' with details on advertising rates and contact information for Shirley Margolis.

ENTERTAINMENTS advertisement listing prices for various theatres and venues.

CINEMAS advertisement listing showtimes for various cinemas.

ART GALLERIES advertisement listing exhibitions at various galleries.

General Motors advertisement for various car models including Citrox, Mycar, and Honda.

Advertisement for 'THE RIGHT PLACE TO PARK YOUR CAR' detailing advertising rates.

Advertisement for 'THE RIGHT PLACE TO PARK YOUR CAR' featuring an image of a car and contact details.

Advertisement for 'THE RIGHT PLACE TO PARK YOUR CAR' with contact information.

CAR BUYERS' GUIDE advertisement containing multiple classified car listings for various models like Mercedes, Porsche, Bmw, and Volvo.

PJ Evans Trucks advertisement for various truck models and services, including 'E55 DEPOSIT' and 'RING TEAM FREIGHT'.

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